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# Miracle needed on HR 55

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etween now and June 29—just scant days away—about 1,038 people are fervently hoping for what would amount to a miracle that would allow them to stay legally in the Commonwealth. Among them is John (not his real name), a former Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino employee who is working in the CNMI under the categorical parole program.

A bill that intends to make that miracle happen, H.R. 559, passed the U.S House of Representatives yesterday but it still has to hurdle the U.S. Senate and be signed into law before the June 29 deadline in order to make a difference in the lives of these 1,038 people.

John has worked for almost 12 years at the Tinian Dynasty as one of its supervisors before it closed down a few years ago. He and several other workers from Bangladesh, China, and the Philippines are hoping to re-

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## More federal aid for Marianas

By JON PEREZ

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The CNMI and Guam are guaranteed to receive more federal money after the House passed Monday (Tuesday in the

bill that aims to help U.S. states

and territories recover from earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, storms, typhoons, and wildfires.

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The House voted 354-58 to pass H.R. 268; it already passed the Senate, 85-8, last May 23. The bill now heads to President Don-

Marianas) a \$19-billion federal aid ald J. Trump for his signature and See FEDERAL on Page 4



#### **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Viola Alepuyo, sixth left, begins her new role as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority board after taking her oath of office in front of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fifth left, yesterday at the Governor's Office conference room. Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, seventh left, chief of staff Angel A. Demapan, left, MVA managing director Priscilla lakopo, deputy managing director Judy Torres, fourth left, and some MVA staff witnessed the swearing ceremony.

## No suspects yet in home invasion

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

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The Department of Public Safety claims to have no leads yet in identifying a suspect who invaded a house

in San Vicente and beat up two individuals in the process.

DPS spokesman Adrian Pangelinan said that, as of yesterday, DPS did not have any updates on the

## CUC delivers draft MOU on CPA's \$17.7M debt

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie\_delatorre@saipantribune.com

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has delivered a draft memorandum of

Ports Authority for review and ap- board that the draft MOU is already proval of an agreement to settle with CPA executive director Christo-CPA's debt to CUC that now stands at \$17.7 million.

pher S. Tenorio for review.

Camacho said that, based on their CUC executive director Gary P. communication, Tenorio feels there

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## Local

## CHCC sees \$50.7M shortfall in FY 2020

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. predicted yesterday a \$50.7-million shortfall in fiscal year 2020, which starts this Oct. 1, 2019.

The shortfall, according to a CHCC report to the House Ways and Means Committee, reflects a projected \$76.7 million revenue in fiscal year 2020, minus \$39.5 million in bad debts and contractual adjustments. That would calculate to a total of \$50.7 million.

During yesterday's budget hearing, CHCC officials said they are asking for a total allocation of \$50.7 million for the fiscal year to negate the shortfall.

"When preparing our budget, we based it on the health care needs of the CNMI and that there is the assurance that we provide safe and quality

health care. The projected revenues show a shortfall and, if the shortfall is not paid with a local appropriation, then services will be impacted and rates will have to increase to ensure basic services remain. This is not what the people need," said CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña in a statement to Saipan Tribune.

"We had an exceptional dialogue with the members of the Ways and Means Committee regarding how CHCC has progressed over the years and how we want to maintain the progress so that we provide the services our people desperately need," she added.

In her opening remarks before the committee, Muña stated that the fiscal year 2020 budget request for the lone CNMI hospital took into consideration the Medicaid "cliff" at the end of fiscal year 2019.

"If all the efforts this admin-

istration and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) have made does not become successful, CHCC, as a health system, will need the CNMI government's assistance to fill in the funding gaps from the Medicaid shortfall," Muña stated while addressing committee chair Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan) and the rest of the committee.

According to the budget request report, CHCC in fiscal year 2019 projected \$14 million for CNMI Medicaid funding matching of 45 percent. For fiscal year 2020, the local matching plummeted to a hair short of \$5 million.

"For several fiscal years now, we had implored on this committee to fund for services CHCC has provided but have received no compensation. Obviously, with the impending Medicaid cliff, that number will increase," Muña noted.

## **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

## Guam DRT computer system back

The Department of Revenue and Taxation's systems server is up and running.

Yesterday morning, the department said its computer systems were down due to various issues over the past 24 hours. The department was open for limited counter services such as application distribution and general inquiries.

The Treasurer of Guam was also limited to manual pay-

ments yesterday morning and was working to get its systems up by noon yesterday.

For assistance or inquiries, contact the Director's Office of the Department of Revenue and Taxation at 635-

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## Case of dead man found on Beach Road remains open

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety has no recent updates on the dead man whose body was found along Beach Road last week and the case remains open.

According to DPS spokesman Adrian Pangelinan, the case of Dong Pabalinas, 62, remains open because police are still looking into all aspects of the case.

The two individuals who were reportedly seen at the scene have yet to contact police, Pangelinan added.

The two men are being encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigative Bureau at 664-9042 for additional information they may have about what happened to Pabalinas.

One of the men is described as approximately 5'6" tall and

medium built, with brown complexion, and was seen wearing a T-shirt, a pair of short pants, and a pair of flipflops with no known colors.

The other is described to be similar in height, was light complexioned, skinny build, and could be Asian.

No foul play has been reported in the case, according to police.

The case is still not considered a homicide but the police are following protocols and are treating it as a homicide to ensure that all aspects of the case are investigated. There is no official cause of death yet.

According to Saipan Tribune archives, police came upon the body of Pabalinas at about 10:53pm on May 28 along Beach Road. He was lying on the ground and was not responding to the officers' questions.

Police later found out that to the Commonwealth Health Pabalinas had no pulse and he was immediately brought

Center, where he was pronounced dead.

helping Pabalinas' family out, donation boxes will be sta-

For anyone interested in tioned at the R-Lyn's Dress Shop in Garapan and at the Liberty Plaza, also in Garapan.



Patricia Denielle G. Lugut, third right, and Lorayne Mickaelle G. Ganacias, seventh left, join three other students in the Top 5 of their class in the fifth grade in last Sunday's commencement exercises of the Northern Marianas International School at the Fiesta Hall of Grandvrio

## CHCC has new oncology services provider

By ERWIN ENCINARES

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. has a new oncology service provider as well as new oncology services.

Dr. Peter Brett joined the CHCC medical staff this month and would be working with Dr. John Tudela, Dr. Joel Smith, and CHCC's nursing staff to offer a "much more comprehensive cancer care" at CHCC.

According to a CHCC statement last week, Brett provides expert consultation and advice for those diagnosed with cancer and can direct what tests need to be done. He can also decide what treatments for the patient's cancer would be most appropriate.

"Most treatments that are medications for most cancers should soon be available at the CHCC such as chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and molecular targeted treatments," a CHCC statement noted.

Brett, according to CHCC, would also help provide close follow-ups for patients with cancer to assess for medical problems that develop, side effects of treatment, and cancer recurrence monitoring, if needed.

The CHCC will still not be able to provide some types of specialty cancer surgery, such as major pancreatic surgery, and patients will still need to travel off-island for radiation treatments, but many patients who formerly would have had to travel off-island for their cancer care can now receive this care locally on Saipan," CHCC noted.

CHCC further noted that Brett has been a board-certified medical oncologist in California for over 25 years.

## "He has expertise in evaluating and treating all types of

cancer that occur in adults,' CHCC further stated. Brett is a graduate of the

Stanford Medical School in California and then underwent internal medicine training at Stanford University Hospital. He completed his medical oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

For more information on CHCC programs, follow their Facebook page and Twitter page at @cnmichec, check out their website at www.chcc. gov.mp, or call them at (670) 234-8950.

## Lugtu, Quiambao, Castro top NMIS graduates

Patricia Denielle G. Lugtu, Austin Dominiq Q. Quiambao, and Sumai Francine B. Castro led their respective classes in the Northern Marianas International School's 6th Commencement Exercises held last Sunday at the Fiesta Hall of the Grandvrio Resort.

Lugtu, who was named the fifth grade class valedictorian, gave thanks to the support of her family, friends, teachers, and classmates.

CNMI State Public School System Head Start and Early Head Start program director Lathania Santos was the keynote speaker.

She even praised Tiana Isabella B. Meyers, a former Head Start program student, for ending up as the K-3 salutatorian behind Sumai Francine B. Castro, the class valedictorian.

Pranab K. Roy was the K-5 salutatorian, while Lorayne Mickaelle G. Ganacias was the fifthgrade salutatorian.

NMIS principal Dr. John Joyner challenged the graduates "to continue to be successful

in your academic, social, and relationship skills. Continue to grow and develop with friendship, love, and caring."

NMIS also had three middle school graduates-John Michael Balgos, Justin Bryce C. Mateo, and Eddie Francisc B. Valdoz. (Jon Perez)





## COMMUNITY

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#### **Guam CHamoru** commission meetings set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' Taotao Tåno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will hold its monthly meetings on June 13, and 20, 2019, from 12:30pm to 3pm at the Kumision office, The Garden House, Plasa de Espana, Hagatna.

A work session will be held on June 27, 2019, from 12:30pm to 3pm, at the same

For further information call commission chair Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or commission secretary Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. (PR)

#### **Graduation day** reminders

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Graduation day reminders to the Kagman High School parents & graduating Class of 2019:

Graduation practice from 9am to 11am at the fol-

"As of present time, we

lowing locations:

- June 5: KHS Café
- June 6: American Memorial Park
- June 7: American Memorial Park
- June 10: American Memorial Park
- June 11: Awards ceremony, Kagman Elementary School cafeteria, 4pm
- June 12: Graduation Day, American Memorial Park, 4:30 pm. Seniors, arrive by 3:30pm. All seniors will gather in the airconditioned theater in the main AMP Museum. The graduation is a formal ceremony, so all graduates must practice capand-gown etiquette during the ceremony. (PR)

#### Military training in open ocean, at Dandan, Farallon de Medinilla

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy will conduct open-ocean training until June 5, from 8am to 8am, within a 10-nautical mile radius of the following coordinates: 13° 28'N/144° 25'E. It is recommended the public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

Helicopter Sea Combat

Squadron 25 will conduct training until June 6, from 11am to 11:55pm, at the Dandan-Malojloj training site in Inarajan.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the trainings. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during training.

The U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 6, from 8am to 9pm
- June 4, 5, and 7, from 10:30am to 9pm

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be within a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

## Time management training set

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions will be hosting a training on time management at the Saipan

tims are related, that the male

had just left the house to

walk to a neighboring store

when he was attacked from

behind; the female victim

was asleep at home when she

Pangelinan said police

believe that the assailant in

both attacks are one and the

The residence that was in-

vaded is owned by Tom Blas,

a Department of Public Safety

captain assigned to the Office

of Homeland Security and

was attacked.

same person.

Chamber of Commerce conference room (Marianas Business Plaza, third floor, Suite 315) on June 26, from 9am to 12pm. Registration fee is \$50 per person for Chamber members and \$55 per person for non-members. Light refreshments are included. Reservations and advance payment are required as seating is limited. To register, call 670-234-7150 or email coordinator2@ saipanchamber.com. (PR)

## Weightlifting competition on June 15

The 2019 CNMI Weightlifting Championship will be held on June 15, 2019, a Saturday, at the Roundhouse, Garapan Central Park, starting at 10am.

Registration deadline is noon of June 8, 2019. Entry fee is \$10, while the admission fee is \$5.

There will also be a competitors' meeting at noon, Saturday, June 8, 2019, at the NMPASI conference room in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

For more information, contact John Davis at 789-9211, Greg Borja at 787-6642, or Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807. **(PR)** 

## **SSHS** registration for

Blas' home was invaded last Sunday at around 3pm.

Blas, also a former DPS spokesperson, said in a quick interview that his daughter was at home with a few children, but the children had left for a confraternity of Christian doctrine class at the San Vicente Church right behind their home.

Blas said that his daughter was alone at home when a person invaded their home and beat her up.

Blas said his daughter has

been stable since Monday.

#### tail about what the assailant looked like or any physical features because the suspect was a masked figure and

they were also rendered un-

conscious.

Pangelinan.

have no new information Pangelinan added that about the case regarding an nothing was reported stoassailant or suspect. We have len, eliminating the theory no suspect. Detectives are that the attack was intended still looking into the case very to rob the residence. There was also no white sedan re-According to Pangelinan, ported at the scene, contrary both victims, a 28-year-old to what has been circulating woman and a 14-year-old in social media, according to

He confirmed that the vic-

to legally stay in the CNMI.

Emergency Management.

USCIS terminated the categorical parole program and EAD in late December last year, giving individuals under these programs a transition window of 180 days to get another immigration status in order to remain and work in the CNMI legally.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres thanked the U.S. House of Representatives for passing H.R. 559 and stressed that his administration is working tirelessly with Sablan on this issue.

"We have been working on this issue for a while by establishing a dialog with the Department of Homeland Security and the White House in order to protect our humanitarian parolees," Torres said. "We're very grateful that the Trump administration supports the bill. Now that it has passed the House, we hope that the Senate passes it as well in order to protect and support our humanitarian parolees."

Sablan said that H.R. 559, or the Northern Mariana Islands Long-Term Legal Residents Relief Act, passed the House through a bipartisan voice vote, but now faces an uncertain future in the Senate.

vote in the House and with the Trump administration backing the bill, we are in a strong position in the Senate, but time is against us. We have less than four weeks to win passage in the Senate and get the bill signed by the President," he said.

The termination of the cat-

## ongoing students

Saipan Southern High School is now accepting registration forms for ongoing students for SY 2019-2020. Deadline for submission will be on Aug. 21, 2019. All ongoing students must re-register to be enrolled at SSHS. If you have any other questions email Victoria Apatang at victoria.apatang@ cnmipss.org. (PR)

#### Joint inauguration in FSM in July 29

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—Federated States of Micronesia president David W. Panuelo, in consultation with FSM Con-

gress Speaker Wesley Simina, has decided to hold the joint inauguration ceremony on July 29, at the FSM Capitol in Palikir, Pohnpei. The FSM government will welcome traditional leaders, leaders from neighbor and partner nations, dignitaries, government officials, and citizens of the FSM who will witness this event.

The FSM Information Services will provide thorough public information on the joint inauguration ceremony as the details on the planning and organization for the event become clear and finalized. (PR)

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can become a law via auto-pen while he's in the United Kingdom for a three-day state visit.

If it becomes law, H.R. 268 would give the CNMI an additional \$129.6 million in disaster relief funds that will be made available through Community Development Block Grants-Disaster Recovery Grants, and other federal grants.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres credited this to the collaboration between his administration and the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

"It covers additional requests for federal assistance that our office has worked with [Sablan's] office since the typhoon. We look forward to using this funding to rebuild our homes and our lives, as well as build a stronger Marianas," Torres said.

Saipan and Tinian were hit hardest by Super Typhoon Yutu—a Category 5-equivalent storm-in October last Typhoon Mangkhut year; struck Rota almost a month before Yutu.

Sablan said H.R. 268 is the culmination of months of work to make sure the CNMI would have the resources to rebuild. "My very first votes in this Congress were for my two amendments to the disaster aid bill, making \$36 million available for the Marianas Medicaid program and \$25.2 million available for food aid."

"And behind-the-scenes negotiations produced another \$56 million for solid waste facilities and \$10.4 million for sewer and water infrastructure. Together with \$2 million to help the Commonwealth with managing all this money, that is a total of \$129.6 million, just for the [Commonwealth].'

At least \$50 million is expected from the CDBG-DR, on top of the \$100 million already allocated to the CNMI from legislation that was passed last year.

The \$19.1-billion disaster aid bill increased Guam's federal medical assistance percentage to 100 percent, a move that Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero welcomed.

"There was a delay in the approval of this measure providing our territories and states with much-needed relief. Nonetheless, I am glad that it has overcome the latest hurdle and I am optimistic that President Trump will honor his word that he will sign the bill into law," said Leon Guerrero. "Our administration has been seeking congressional support of our Medicaid funding issues. We have sent letters, testified before Congress, and met with numerous federal officials and agencies. We will continue to fight for equitable and fair treatment of Guam and the other U.S. Territories on these and all other matters."

## **MIRACLE**

closely," he said.

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main legally in the CNMI for the sake of their children who were born here.

male, told police that they

could not give much de-

"We were depressed when we heard that [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] terminated the [categorical parole] program. My kids were born here, so what would happen to them if I'm going to stop working or be forced to leave because I lost my legal status? I hope the CNMI and U.S. government can help us," said John, who now works in construction in order to provide for his family.

"Sometimes, I want to give up but I keep thinking of my kids. After Dynasty closed down, I would have left the CNMI if I didn't have my family here. But my kids' lives are here. We just want to stay legally in the CNMI in order to continue working. ...as long as we have legal status to work, so [we] could provide for our families.'

John, who holds an employment authorization document. is worried that he and his family might be forced to leave the CNMI penniless if ever the issue is unresolved.

"We don't have any savings. Dynasty still owes us money; we're still waiting to get paid. What would happen if we were forced to leave? Where am I going to get the money for our plane tickets? Hopefully, a miracle would happen so we can legally stay and work here," he added.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP)'s H.R. 559 seeks to resolve the immigration situation of certain aliens who have lived in the CNMI legally since Nov. 28, 2009. It now heads to the U.S. Senate for further action, but time is against it, with June 29, 2019, being the deadline for categorical parolees and EAD holders

'With a strong bipartisan

egorical parole program and EAD will affect the lives of immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and other stateless individuals, CNMI permanent residents and their IRs, IRs of citizens of Freely Associated States (the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau), and caregivers of CNMI residents.

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are no issues with the MOU. Camacho said he wants

Tenorio to see the draft MOU first to determine if that would be acceptable to CPA before he (Camacho) presents it to the CUC board for review and approval.

If the MOU is acceptable to CPA, Camacho would ask for a special CUC board meeting to address the matter.

The MOU would give CUC control and access to 46 water wells on CPA property for 40 years, in exchange for \$10 million that will be used to offset outstanding water charges. Camacho said the draft MOU expanded the number of wells to 75 facilities.

"Before, it was considered to be a 40-year lease. This is now a permanent lease for all listed facilities," he said.

Saipan Tribune sought clarification on what these 75 facilities are, but CUC had yet to reply as of press time yesterday.

Camacho said the MOU will address CPA's outstanding bills that were incurred many years prior to June 2018.

'Anything after June 2018, obviously they [CPA] are required to pay," he said.

## Court clerk directed not to accept further filings of Fargo

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered the court's clerk to no longer accept further filings of Russian national Milan Fargo in his lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Manglona gave the order after denying Fargo's motion

for declaratory judgment in his lawsuit.

Manglona has already issued a judgment in Fargo's lawsuit that was favorable to DHS. Fargo appealed that judgment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The judge said exclusive jurisdiction over matters touching on the judgment is now with the Ninth Circuit.

Manglona denied Far-

go's motion for declaratory judgment due to lack of jurisdiction.

Since giving notice of his appeal to the Ninth Circuit last March 26, Fargo has filed 15 separate motions and requests in the District Court.

Manglona previously denied Fargo's requests for transcripts and copies at taxpayer expense and informed him how to obtain them from the clerk's office at his own expense.

Manglona also issued prior orders denying Fargo's motion to reconsider, and his several motions, requests, and objections concerning discovery and other matters.

Last March, Manglona ruled that Fargo believes he has lawful permanent resident status despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. He believes there is a conspiracy among many

U.S. government agencies to hide his green card from him. Manglona disagrees and dismissed the lawsuit with finality.

Fargo had sued DHS for allegedly hiding documents related to his humanitarian parole.

According to court records, the 65-year-old Fargo's original name is Nassir Nazarovich Kourbanov. He filed the lawsuit against DHS without a lawyer in a bid to compel the agency to issue him immigration documents.

Fargo was placed on removal proceedings in September 2016. He has been fighting that effort to remove him since then. He is out on his own recognizance.

Fargo is convinced that he was granted humanitarian parole by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Diego, California, in 2002 and that acquiring proof of his parole will be key to successfully fighting his removal.

## Drug Court graduate pleads guilty to 'ice' trafficking

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

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A former Superior Court Drug Court graduate who was arrested anew for allegedly selling methamphetamine or "ice" has pleaded guilty.

Skyler James Benavente, 32, pleaded guilty yesterday to trafficking of a controlled substance—a crime punishable by not more than 10 years imprisonment, along with a \$5,000 fine.

Benavente's lawyer, chief public defender Doug Hartig, asked that the court hold off on sentencing his client until a presentence investigation is conducted.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert Naraja granted the request and gave three months for the presentence investigation.

Benavente will be sentenced on Sept. 3 at 9am.

Office of the Attorney General's Chester Hinds represented the government.

According to court information, Benavente, 32, was arrested after a "buy-walk" sting operation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Task Force on Jan. 31, 2019.

Court information states that a cooperating source had informed task force officers that Benavente was distributing ice.

Two days later, on Jan. 31, 2019, task force officers met with the cooperating source again for a sting operation to buy ice from Benavente.

## Feature films and extended hours at the AMP

Visitor Center will have extended hours during the week of June 10 to June 15.

The Visitors Center is usually open from 9am to 4pm daily but, as part of the 75th anniversary of the Battles of Saipan and Tinian, it will be open from 9am until 8pm.

For each day of that week, from 9am to 5pm, the AMP will be showing a series of park films. Also, the evening shows will feature films related to World War II in the Marianas.

The film schedule is as follows:

■ Monday, June 10, 6pm Island Called Saipan: American Memorial Park Film (10 minutes). This

The American Memorial Park will be the first screening the new film. Please join the park for this special showing.

> True Whispers: The Story of the Navajo Code Talkers (60 minutes)

> ■ Tuesday, June 11, 6pm American Memorial Park film (10 minutes)

> East L.A. Marine: The Untold Story of Guy Gabaldon (77 minutes)

> ■ Wednesday, June 12, 6pm Island Called Saipan: American Memorial Park film (10 minutes)

> Witnesses to War: Three short films featuring firstperson accounts of war in the Marianas from civilian survivors and 75th Anniversary Multimedia Exhibit presented by the Northern Marianas Hu

manities Council (70 minutes) ■ Thursday, June 13, 6pm

Mount Carmel School and D&R Visuals present the next films in the "We Drank Our Tears" series, a trilogy of short films about the civilian experience of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians during the World War II battle on Saipan.

As a follow-up to last year's stories from Francisco Babauta, Benjamin Abadilla, and Rafael Mafnas, the three new films are based on stories from Carmen Acosta, Sr. Antoineta Ada, and Rosa Agulto.

Produced as part of the CNMI's 75th anniversary commemoration of the end of the World War II battles on the islands, the three new films will be screened after an encore screening of the original trilogy.

■ Friday, June 14

There will be no film that evening. Join the park and the community at the Veteran's Memorial in Susupe at Kilili Beach for the candlelight Walk of Honor. Sign-in for the walk begins at 5:30pm and the walk will commence at 6:30pm. The Visitor Center will close at 4pm.

■ Saturday, June 15, 6pm Island Called AnSaipan: American Memorial Park Film (10 minutes)

Witnesses to War: Three short films featuring firstperson accounts of war in the Marianas from civilian survivors and 75th Anniversary Multimedia Exhibit presented by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council (70 minutes). (Marc Venus)



## SWR settles employment discrimination lawsuit

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed yesterday an employment discrimination lawsuit filed by a former supervisor at Saipan World Resort

against the hotel's owner.

The dismissal was with prejudice, which means Sathiyapalan Kalarikkal can no longer refile his lawsuit against World Corp., which owns World Resort.

Manglona dismissed the case after Kalarikkal and

World Corp. agreed to settle. She directed the court's clerk to close the case.

The settlement agreement was not filed in court as of yesterday afternoon.

World Corp.'s lawyer, Rexford C. Kosack, submitted the parties' agreement to drop the

case last Monday.

In a ruling last February, Manglona allowed Kalarikkal to proceed with his lawsuit after finding it to be not frivolous or malicious. She also stated that World Resort is not immune to monetary damages.

Kalarikkal filed the lawsuit

or without a lawyer and was allowed to do so without prepaying any fees and court c

Kalarrikal was an employee of World Resort in early 2018. Although he does Kosack not directly state

what his job was, it appears he was a supervisor at Oasis Massage within World Resort. He was working under an employment contract that expired March 31, 2018, and a CW- 1 visa that expired Sept. 30, 2018.

human resources manager Jun Ham allegedly informed him that the company would not renew his contract or apply to renew his CW-1 visa, saying that World Resort was closing the Oasis Massage.

"Indian massage is not in demand and your skill is no more needed"-a remark that Kalarikkal felt to be discriminatory and derogatory.

to another department but Ham allegedly responded that, while company staff and managers can transfer, supervisors

cannot do so. On Jan. 30, 2018, World Resort posted job vacancy an-

nouncements on the CNMI Department of Labor website for Oasis Massage's staff and manager but not for Kalarikkal's position.

On Aug. 27, 2018, Kalarikkal said, the SWR management issued a memorandum temporarily reassigning the Oasis Massage and the resort's spa, including the spa's supervisor, to another department but not him.

On Feb. 7, 2019, Kalarikkal filed his lawsuit, asserting that because of World Resort's discrimination against him, he lost the opportunity to renew his CW-1 visa, and suffered unemployment and severe trauma to himself and his family. He demanded damages.

World Resort has denied the discrimination allegations.

## Bill to allow use of hemp in NMI goes to Senate

A bill that seeks to legalize the use of hemp in the CNMI for industrial purposes has passed the House of Representatives and now heads to the Senate

Although hemp belongs to oil, food, and other products.

A law now exists that althe CNMI.

Rep. Marco T. Peter (R-Saipan), who introduced the measure, House Bill 21-55 or the "Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Hemp Farming Industry Act of 2019," said his bill merely seeks to reflect the changes in the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, or the 2018 Farm Bill.

That federal law removed hemp as a Schedule 1 con-

trolled substance and provides control of the hemp industry at a state level. This federal law requires states to provide an agency that regulates the hemp industry.

Peter's bill would allow the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture to regulate the use of hemp in the CNMI.

He believes this could make hemp production another possible industry on the islands. Peter prefiled the bill on May 31 this year.

Hemp is a strain of the Cannabis sativa plant species that is grown for industrial purposes.

Businesses that are interested in hemp production may apply for grants under the Farm Bill, but must prove that their products are within the 0.3 percent THC level.

Peter has already met with the Northern Marianas College—Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services, or NMC CREES, as a possible THC testing site for interested businesses.



On Jan. 18, 2018, the hotel's

He said Ham told him that

He asked to be transferred

By MARC VENUS REPORTER

the same plant species as marijuana, it has a lower psychoactive chemical called tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC level. Hemp can be used for creating products such as paper, clothing,

lows the use of marijuana in



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## **TRIPLE I DONATIONS**

Triple J Saipan donates to the William S. Reyes Elementary School. From left, Tracy Guerrero, corporate controller, Triple J Saipan, Inc.; Joseph Edoria, assistant manager, Surf Club Restaurant; Jalayne Benavente, 3rd Grade teacher, William S. Reyes Elementary School; Miana dela Cruz, future Kingfisher student; Jeremy Sager, general manager, Surf Club Restaurant, Tony Romas, and Capricciosa; Naomi Nishimura, William S. Reyes Elementary school principal; Rachel Roque, real estate leasing manager; and Frank Ada, HR director Triple J Saipan, Inc.

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Triple J Saipan, Inc. donates to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. From left, Tracy Guerrero, corporate controller, Triple J Saipan, Inc.; Jeremy Sager, general manager, Surf Club Restaurant, Tony Roma's, and Capricciosa; Polly Masga, Northern Marianas Humanities Council chairwoman; Samuel Crawford, humanities council board member; Farah Younis, humanities council program officer; Rachel Roque, real estate leasing manager; and Mike Sablan, vice president finance & administration, Triple J Saipan, Inc.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL TERMINALS EXPANSION Project No. CPA-SA-005-19

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the Expansion of the Departure and Arrival Terminals at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant/Project Manager, at (670) 237-6500 and/or emailed to cpa.engr@pticom.com and wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than 5:00 p.m. (CHST) Friday. June 28, 2019.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00p.m.**, **FRIDAY**, **JÚLY 12**, **2019**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any

Send information to:

Mr. Christopher S. Tenorio Executive Director Commonwealth Ports Authority P.O. Box 501055 Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ for CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO Date: June 4, 2019



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Triple J Saipan, Inc. donates to the Northern Marianas Trades

Institute. Here, from left, are Robert H. Jones, chairman and

CEO of Triple J; Mario Valentino, Triple J Saipan facilities su-

perintendent and NMTI board member; Rocco Valentino, vice

president of international operations & franchising, Landry's,

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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES SAIPAN AIRPORT COMMUTER TERMINAL Project No. CPA-SA-007-19

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the demolition of the existing and construction of a new Commuter Terminal Building at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

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The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00p.m.**, **MONDAY**, **JULY 8**, **2019**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

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/s/ for CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO Executive Director Date: June 4, 2019

## Tinian students take educational tourism tour

Tinian students had a chance to play tourist for two days last May 28 and 31 during their annual tour of popular tourist sites on Tinian to mark Marianas Tourism Month.

The Marianas Visitors Authority organized a series of island tours for students of Tinian Elementary School, Grace Christian Academy Tinian, and Saint Joseph School.

The tours were led by a professional tour guide to give students the full experience of being a "Tourist for a Day"; they learned about the historical, cultural, and scenic sites visited daily by tourists.

The tour included the House of Taga, featuring prehistoric limestone monolith pillars and capstones used in ancient Chamorro structures. Other sites visited included World War II historic sites such as Japanese air raid shelters and a command post, invasion



Tour guide Deborah Fleming leads a student on a tour of the House of Taga on the island of Tinian last May 31, 2019.

beaches, the atomic bomb pits and Runway Able at North Field, the Seabees Monument, American memorial monuments, and Suicide Cliff.

"Children are the future of the tourism industry in the Marianas, and it's important to begin educating them early

about the value of their land and heritage as it relates to the industry," said MVA managing director Priscilla Iakopo. "The Tourism Month tours [on] Tinian, our year-round partnership with the Marianas Tourism Education Council, and other related activities

reach and teaching the young The tours were led by tour Tourific Tinian. (PR)

help the MVA meet its goal of generation about tourism."



Students a World War Il Japanese bomb shelter on Tinian last May 31, 2019.

Tour guide Deborah Fleming, left, leads a student tour of World War II Japanese bomb shelters on the island of Tinian last

## May 31, 2019. NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY: DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

The U.S. Air Force invites you to review the Draft Supplemental **Environmental Impact Statement and attend the Public Hearing for** the proposed Tinian Divert Infrastructure Improvements.

TINIAN DIVERT BACKGROUND, In September 2016, the U.S. Air Force (Air Force) completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Divert Activities and Exercises (2016 Divert EIS). The 2016 Divert EIS evaluated the proposal to construct facilities and infrastructure at the Saipan and/or Tinian airports to support cargo, tanker, and similar aircraft and associated support personnel for divert operations, periodic exercises, and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed on December 7, 2016 and announced the Air Force decision to select the Modified Tinian Alternative (Final EIS, Section 2.7) North Option (Final EIS, Section 2.5.2), as a future Divert location. After the ROD was signed, the Air Force conducted further evaluation of fuel transfer methods and associated infrastructure on Tinian, including the feasibility of different alternatives that were not considered in the 2016 Divert EIS.

PROPOSED ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Air Force has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for public review that analyzes the potential environmental consequences associated with the proposal to construct a fuel pipeline from the Tinian seaport to Tinian International Airport, to include associated infrastructure at the Tinian seaport. The proposed pipeline would eliminate the need for bulk fuel storage tanks at the Tinian seaport and the need for fuel tanker trucks to transport fuel from the seaport to the airport, both analyzed in the 2016 Divert EIS. The Air Force is considering two alternatives for the pipeline route, a West route and an East route. The Air Force has identified the East route as the Preferred Alternative for the pipeline. The Draft SEIS also analyzes the Air Force proposal to improve certain existing roads between the Tinian seaport and airport that would be used to support Divert activities.

OBTAIN AND REVIEW THE DRAFT SEIS. The Draft SEIS is available for download at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com and may also be viewed at the following document repositories:

Saipan: Saipan Mayor's Office, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library

Tinian: Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian Public Library

PUBLIC HEARING - ALL ARE WELCOME. The Air Force requests comments from local and federal agencies, political stakeholders, and interested members of the public. The Air Force is holding a public hearing to provide the public with the opportunity to learn more about the proposal and provide input. The public hearing venue will open at 5 p.m. and begin with an "open house" style format and poster stations. At approximately 5:30 p.m., the Air Force will give a brief presentation about the proposal. Formal public testimony will begin at approximately 6 p.m. The hearing venue will close at 8 p.m. All members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend. Written and verbal comments will be accepted at the hearing; your input is valuable and assists the Air Force in making more informed decisions. A Chamorro/Carolinian interpreter will be available at the hearing to assist with translation of meeting materials and written comments. Hearing information is provided below:

> Date June 6, 2019

Time 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location Tinian Elementary Cafeteria

PUBLIC COMMENT. Comments on the Draft SEIS can be submitted in English electronically at www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com; verbally or in writing at the public hearing; or via postal mail at the address below. For further information, please contact:

Ms. Julianne Turko, AFCEC/CZN Attn: Tinian Divert SEIS 2261 Hughes Ave. Suite 155 JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-9853

The Air Force also welcomes comments under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 Code of Federal Regulations 800) regarding the identification of or effects on historic properties. If you have comments or would like to become a consulting party in the Section 106 process, please visit the project website or contact Ms. Julianne Turko, AFCEC/CZN at the address above.

To ensure the Air Force has sufficient time to consider public input in the Draft SEIS and the Section 106 process, please submit comments by July 1, 2019.

www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com

## Register for NMC's fall semester at Thursday Information Session



Attendees of the Northern Marianas College Information Session will be able to register for the fall 2019 semester. The free information session is scheduled this Thursday, June 6, 2019, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at NMC's Olympio T. Borja Library. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions & Records at (670) 237-6770, email oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu.

The Northern Marianas College is inviting individuals who are interested in furthering their education or advancing their professional careers to attend its information session scheduled this Thursday, June 6, 2019. Attendees will be able to register for the college's fall 2019 semester.

The information session is open to all community members and especially to recent high school graduates. The session, which will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the Olympio T. Borja Library at the college's As Terlaje campus. The Information Session will also allow participants to register for classes immediately after the event.

The topics that will be discussed include the college's degree programs, financial

aid, and other initiatives.

Participants will also qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming fall 2019 semester, a savings of about \$75.

NMC faculty, staff, and stuprograms at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions, will be on hand to answer questions.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis in elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management (emphasis in accounting); bachelor of science

in criminal justice (through the University of Guam); associate of arts degree in business, associate of applied science degrees in business administration (emphasis in accounting, business management, or computer applications), dents from the different degree associate of arts in liberal arts (emphasis in education, health and physical education, and social work), associates of science in nursing, natural resources management, associate of applied science in criminal justice, and hospitality management.

For more information about registering for classes for the upcoming fall 2019 semester or to apply for admission, contact the NMC Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6768/6769/6771 or visit www. marianas.edu. (NMC)

## Guam leaders visit endangered tree inside base

By ALANA CHARGUALAF
JOINT REGION MARIANAS

ASAN, Guam—Guam's top local and military officials checked out an endangered tree inside Andersen Air Force Base in Yigo on June 3 to demonstrate the U.S. military's efforts to protect and preserve the island's natural resources.

Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield hosted the environmental familiarization tour at Northwest Field for Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, her staff, and members of the 35th Guam Legislature.

The endangered *Serianthes nelsonii*, commonly known as the fire tree, is endemic to Guam and the CNMI, but is endangered.

"It is our hope that the steadfast efforts of our service members, Department of Defense civilians, contractors, and local partners to propagate this tree and its saplings, coupled with our broader efforts to protect native plant species, will prevent the degradation of Guam's limestone forest," Chatfield said.



Jim McConnell, Serianthes nelsonii principal investigator, Guam Plant Extinction Prevention Program, describes the Serianthes nelsonii tree to Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas, left, and Guam Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, center, during a visit to the tree at Andersen Air Force Base June 3.

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During the tour, guests were briefed by DoD environmental experts on the state of the limestone forest, and preservation efforts to increase the *Serianthes nelsonii* population. The group also visited numerous *Serianthes nelsonii* saplings protected in the tree's

nearby surroundings.

"Our whole island is very much concerned about cultural preservation and the military is very sensitive to that," Leon Guerrero said. "I am very appreciative that the admiral took her time out to come along and organize this very informational tour."

Sen. Tina Muna Barnes, speaker of the 35th Guam Legislature, echoed the governor's thoughts and stressed the importance of maintaining the partnership between the local government and the U.S. military.



Guam's local and military officials visit a Serianthes nelsonii tree at Andersen Air Force Base last June 3.

U.S. NAVY PHOTO/ALANA CHARGUALAF

"We need to bring everybody together: the military family, the civilian family, [and] our government stakeholders to the table and share the plan of what we need to do when the Marines come to Guam," she said.



This limestone forest where the *Serianthes nelsonii* tree is located inside the Andersen Air Force Base provides a contiguous forest that is critical to the survival of the Mariana fruit bat, Mariana eight spot butterfly, the native *Serianthes nelsonii* tree and endemic tree snails.

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## Energy rebate program to begin June 10

The CNMI Energy Division under the Department of Public Works launched yesterday the State Energy Program – Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program in the CNMI, to replace old inefficient appliances with qualified energy-efficient Energy Star-rated products for a limited time or until funds run out, whichever comes first.

Funds are limited and rebate vouchers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Redemption period for all rebate vouchers is 30 days from date of issue.

Appliances must replace existing models. Residents with newly constructed or renovated homes are eligible to apply for new purchases of qualified Energy Star-rated appliances.

Residents impacted by the devastations of Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu are eligible, provided they have not already received similar assistance from local, federal or private entities. Additional requirements or conditions may apply.

Rebate applications for Saipan residents will be available for distribution to the public beginning June 10, 2019, at the CNMI Energy Division Office at House 1337, Ascencion Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan.

For Tinian residents, staff from the Division of Energy office will be available on

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

- Funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Appliances must replace existing models or for first-time purchases of new appliances for residents with newly constructed or renovated homes.
- Residents impacted by the devastations of Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu are eligible, provided they have not already received similar assistance from local, federal or private entities.

#### **Qualifying Energy Star-rated products:**

Refrigerators (\$400) Saipan (\$500) Rota/Tinian 15 cu.ft. Clothes Washers Residential Use (\$300) Saipan (\$400) Rota/Tinian Window-type AC 5000-8000 btu (\$120) Saipan (\$160) Rota/Tinian over 8000 btu (\$130) Saipan (\$175) Rota/Tinian Split-type AC 9000-24000 btu (\$300) Saipan (\$400) Rota/Tinian over 24000 btu (\$550) Saipan (\$650) Rota/Tinian

#### 1. ENSURE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

- Appliances must be purchased in the CNMI on or after June 10, 2019.
- Appliances must be installed in a CNMI residence.
- Individuals who are recipients of the Weatherization Assistance Program will not qualify for vouchers for a Refrigerator and one (1) Room air-conditioner, if already availed of such under the Weatherization Assistance Program.
- Additional information and details are outlined in the Program Terms and Conditions section.

#### 2. PURCHASE A QUALIFYING PRODUCT

For more information, visit or call the Division of Energy at 670-664-4480/1 or visit a registered retailer for a list of qualifying products. List of registered vendors/retailers will be announced once it becomes available.

## 3. INCLUDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION

- Completed and signed application.
- Copy of valid CNMI ID.
- Incomplete applications will be returned and/or rejected. (PR)

Tinian on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at 9am at the Office of the Mayor to assist residents with applications.

For Rota residents, staff from the Division of Energy office will be available on Rota on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 9am at the Office of the Mayor to assist residents

with applications.

People with disabilities or families and relatives of people with disabilities requiring additional assistance or reasonable accommodations are requested to contact the Division of Energy office at (670) 664-4480/1.

For additional program in-

formation or questions, contact the Division of Energy Office at 664-4480/1 and ask for Vince Attao or Maile Iakopo.

Funding opportunity for this program is made possible through a grant award from the U.S. Department of Energy-State Energy Program. (PR)

## Today is Saipan chamber meeting at Fiesta

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's June membership meeting is today, June 5, at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall. This meeting's spotlight is the Chamber's "2019 Scholarship Award Ceremony" where it will be celebrating all the ways Chamber members continue to invest in the CNMI's youth.

The speakers for the event will include remarks from former SCC scholars: press secretary Kevin Bautista (Class of 2011); Senate legislative assistant Alexis Hofschneider (Class of 2011); Commonwealth Casino Commission financial auditor Michael Sheu, who is also part-owner of Hong Ye Hardware (Class

of 2011).

The six Chamber scholars in 2019 will also be introduced.

Additionally, there will be updates on the following: prevailing wage survey, the 2019 Corporate Challenge winners, and the time management seminar scheduled June 26

The luncheon begins at 11:30am and with the meeting portion starting promptly at noon. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members/\$35 for non-members. To RSVP six or more attendees, email Mercilynn Kaneshi Palec at administrator@saipanchamber.com, call 234-7150, or visit the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 315 in Susupe for more information. (*PR*)

## GCC launches ship repair boot camp to obtain skilled workers

The Guam Community College and the Cabras Marine Corp. will be conducting a 12-week Ship Repair Transportation Boot Camp, which involves 23 participants who will undergo various trainings all leading up to securing an apprenticeship with the Cabras Marine as professional ship repairers.

The boot camp is 100-percent federally funded by the Career and Technical Education grant and will run from June 3 to Aug. 16.

The GCC, along with Cabras Marine, went through an aggressive recruitment process by conducting informational presentations at various high schools, the Mayor's Council and media outlets.

The month-and-a-half-long recruitment resulted in the selection of 23 individuals who will take part in the 12-week boot camp. Among these recruits, seven are women. Nineteen of the 23 recruits are unemployed and four out of the 23 are underemployed, ac-

U.S. Air Force airman George

R. Satoshi Jr. has graduated

from basic military training at

Joint Base San Antonio-Lack-

The airman completed an

land, San Antonio, Texas.



Student recruits, Guam Community College representatives, Cabras Marine Corp. representatives, and dignitaries pose for a photo after the official launch of the GCC Ship Repair Transportation Boot Camp on June 3, 2019 at the college's Multi-Purpose Auditorium.

cording to GCC.

Satoshi finishes basic training

Upon completing the boot camp, 20 of these students will become employed by the Cabras Marine Corp. as apprentices and the remaining three will be alternates, according to a GCC release.

"We've often heard em-

intensive, eight-week program

that included training in mili-

tary discipline and studies, Air

Force core values, physical

fitness, and basic warfare prin-

ciples and skills.

ployers say that there aren't any skilled workers out there for certain jobs, such as with ship repairing for example. Then you hear individuals say that there aren't any jobs out there. What this program does is bridge that gap between employers looking for skilled

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Satoshi is a 2018 graduate of Saipan Southern High School. (PR)

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DR-4235, 4396, 4404-MP PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PROGRAM

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## **RFQ19-GOV-088**

Request for Qualification for Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services for Planning and Technical Assistance to Assess, Identify and Develop Mitigation Opportunities (Hazard Mitigation Sections 406 and 404) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Governor's Authorized Representative, (collectively, "Commonwealth") is soliciting sealed proposals from Architects and Engineers to provide A&E Services for Planning and Technical Assistance to Assess, Identify and Develop Mitigation Opportunities (Hazard Mitigation Sections 404 and 406) for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Selected architects and engineers will be retained as independent contractors under the general provision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Architects and engineers will act as agents of the expenditure authority on assigned projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost, time and legal requirements while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected architects and engineers will be retained on a two year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for A&E Services will be determined based on the number of assigned projects and/or task orders including payments for approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with the selected individuals or firms to determine the scope of work and responsibilities.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements at the Office of Management & Budget, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or request electronic mail (attn.: Leona DLG. Sablan leona.cip@gmail.com) beginning May 24, 2019, during working hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Friday, except on holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the scope of work and submittal requirements.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on June 7, 2019 10:30 a.m. at the Office of Management & Budget, Juan A. Sablan Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions about this project shall be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., in writing via email: esb.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 by June 11, 2019.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement & Supply, Procurement Regulations §7070-30.3-305. To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI, and must hold a Certificate of Authorization, if applicable. Fee estimates will assist the Office of the Governor for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in the firm evaluation scores.

Statement of Qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330 or the latest evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

Qualification (Personnel, Education and Professional Licenses)

Experiences (similar projects)
 Project approach to the types of projects

Workload and resources

30 points 20 points

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three ranked firms or with all the firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked RFQ19-G0V-088 Provisions of A&E Services for Planning and Technical Assistance to Assess Ideallications statements must be seated and marked NFU19-60V-088 Provisions of A&C Services for Planning and Technical Assistance to Assess, identify and Develop Mitigation Opportunities (Hazard Mitigation Sections 406 and 404) for the CNMI. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statements must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP, no later than 9:00 a.m., June 18, 2019. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m., ChST, on June 18, 2019 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cmidof.net. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one coincide of the ceded outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statements must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 18, 2019, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply by June 27, 2019. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

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Acting Director, Procurement & Supply

jobs," said GCC president and CEO Dr. Mary Okada.

The college will provide the technical skills training in the areas of plumbing, welding and paint/blasting as it relates to boat repair. In turn, Cabras Marine Corp. will provide apprenticeships to 20 individuals under their company.

"This is a win-win situation for everyone," the GCC statement said.

In addition to participants receiving specific training and landing an apprenticeship, the program will also result in participants obtaining certification in CPR, Basic First Aid, OSHA-10 and National Career Readiness Certification. In addition, each participant will also receive Work Ethic Certification from the "Center

who are looking for skilled for Work Ethic Development". This is the newest certification course offered by GCC to help employees work on their soft skills., all of which are also essential for the job.

According to Okada, the overall goal of the boot camp is to provide opportunities for non-traditional, unemployed and underemployed individuals to enter these fields by providing them with the highest quality, student-centered education and job training for those specific jobs.

"With GCC possessing the experts in various trades and Cabras in need of skilled workers, it was a perfect match. This is the start of many boot camps with employers where there will be a direct result of employment," added Okada. (PR)



workers, and individuals who

meet our eligibility criteria and

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW19-IFB-014

## PALU LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Palu Road Improvement**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after May 22, 2019 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect.'

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on June 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on <u>June 14, 2019</u> to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW19-IFB-014". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time June 21, 2019. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the intent or procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, June 21, 2019, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cmmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than June 21, 2019 and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than July 2, 2019. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, July 5, 2019. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on July 2, 2019.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid ror bits greater than twenty-rive intosand bothars (\$2.5,000.00) a bit security of inteen (19%) of the bit almount must accompany the bits according to the surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only

US Gov't Securities Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JACK S. REYES Acting Director of Procurement & Supply 10 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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## **EDITORIAL**

## In Virginia Beach, a tragedy we didn't deserve

ollowing the mass shooting at Virginia Tech 12 years ago, professor and poet Nikki Giovanni delivered a stirring address that included a simple truth. "No one deserves a tragedy."

It is a mantra that bears repeating in Virginia Beach and across a commonwealth that on Friday witnessed yet another senseless act of violence.

According to law enforcement, a gunman shot one person in a car outside of a government building at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center before proceeding inside, where he fired at public workers, citizens, police—anyone who had the misfortune to be at that place and time.

Twelve people died from the gunfire. Most were city employees and residents of Virginia Beach. Many had worked in those offices for several years and, in one case, for more than four decades. Two Chesapeake residents, one person from Norfolk, a Powhatan resident and one contractor were among those killed.

"This is the most devastating day in the history of Virginia Beach," Mayor Bobby Dyer said at a Friday news conference. "The people involved are our friends, co-workers, neighbors and colleagues."

Those killed, confirmed by police officials on Saturday morning, should be held in our hearts, our prayers and our memories. They are Laquita C. Brown, Tara Welch Gallagher, Mary Louise Gayle, Alexander Mikhail Gusev, Katherine A. Nixon, Richard H. Nettleton, Christopher Kelly Rapp, Ryan Keith Cox, Joshua A. Hardy, Michelle "Missy" Langer, Robert "Bobby" Williams and Herbert "Bert" Snelling.

Four others were injured. As of Saturday, three were in critical condition while the other was in fair condition. One of those shot was a Virginia Beach police officer who was saved by his ballistics vest. He was among the brave first responders who were on the scene quickly and, according to Beach Police Chief James Cervera, engaged the suspect in an extended gun battle.

The suspect, who was a 40-year-old who worked as for the city's public utilities department for 15 years, was shot by police and died at the scene. Investigators hope to learn what led to his decision to come to his workplace armed with a .45-caliber handgun and murder his coworkers.

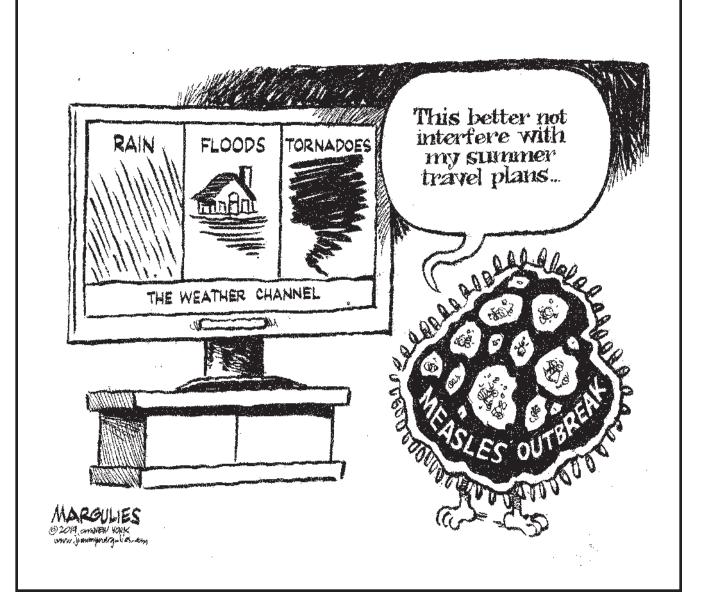
No one deserved this tragedy, certainly not the men and women whose lives were cruelly and coldly extinguished on Friday afternoon.

When the gunman stormed into Building 2, they were in the final hours of a work week, putting the finishing touches on things before heading out the door to family, friends and the open-armed promise of the weekend. They did nothing to earn their awful fate.

Neither do their loved ones deserve the future to which they have been sentenced, one of sorrow, of absence and of cherished memory. They will need the strength of the living—the love and compassion of their community, united together in support—to endure the anguish of all the days to come.

It is an awful thing that this happened anywhere and difficult to square this with the peaceful setting of the Municipal Center.

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## The gig is up

ber just filed its first quarterly report as a publicly traded company. Although the company lost \$1 billion, investors may still do well because the losses appear to be declining.

Uber drivers, on the other hand, aren't doing well. According to a recent study, about half of New York's Uber drivers are supporting families with children, yet 40 percent qualify for Medicaid and another 18 percent qualify for food stamps.

It's similar elsewhere in the new American economy. Last week, the *New York Times* reported that fewer than half of Google workers are full-time employees. Most are temps and contractors receiving a fraction of the wages and benefits of full-time Googlers, with no job security.

Across America, the fastest-growing category of new jobs is gig work—contract, part-time, temp, self-employed and free-lance. And a growing number of people work for staffing firms that find them gig jobs.

Estimates vary, but it's safe to say that almost a quarter of American workers are now gig workers. Which helps explain why the standard economic measures—unemployment rate and income—look better than Americans feel.

The jobs problem today isn't just stagnant wages. It's also uncertain incomes. A downturn in demand, a change in consumer preferences, or a personal injury or sickness can cause future paychecks to disappear. Yet nearly 80 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck.

According to polls, about a quarter of American workers worry they won't be earning enough in the future. That's up from 15 percent a decade ago. Such fears are fueling working-class grievances in America, and presumably elsewhere around the world where steady jobs are vanishing.

Gig work is also erasing 85 years of hard-won labor protections. At the rate gig work is growing, future generations won't have a minimum wage, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation for injuries, employer-provided social security, overtime, family and medical leave, disability insurance, or the right to form unions and collectively bargain.

Why is this happening? Because it's so profitable for corporations to use gig workers instead of full-time employees.

Gig workers are about 30 percent cheaper because companies pay them only when they need them, and don't have to spend on

## By ROBERT B. REICH

Tribune News Service

Robert Reich's latest book is The Common Good and his newest documentary is Saving Capitalism.



the aforementioned labor protections.

Increasingly, businesses need only a small pool of "talent" anchored in the enterprise—innovators and strategists responsible for the firm's competitive strength.

Other workers are becoming fungible, sought only for reliability and low cost. So, in effect, economic risks are shifting to them.

It's a great deal for companies such as Uber and Google. They set workers' rates, terms and working conditions, while at the same time treating them like arm's-length contractors.

But for many workers it amounts to wage theft.

If America still had a Department of Labor, it would be setting national standards to stop this. Yet Donald Trump's Anti-Labor Department is heading in the opposite direction. It recently proposed a rule making it easier for big corporations to outsource work to temp and staffing firms, and to escape liability if those contracting firms violate the law, such as not paying workers for jobs completed.

On the other hand, California is countering Trump on this, as on other issues.

Last week, the California Assembly passed legislation codifying an important California Supreme Court decision: In order for companies to treat workers as independent contractors, the workers must be free from company control, doing work that's not central to the company's business, and have an independent business in that trade. (The bill is not yet law. It still has to pass the California Senate and be signed by the governor. And businesses are seeking a long list of exemptions, including ride-share drivers and many high-tech contract workers.)

Whatever national rule eventually emerges for defining gig workers, they'll need a different system of social insurance than was the case when steady full-time employment was the norm.

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## Ha'ilas: Tiempun Utut

'n' palabra sessu tahuñgug ginen hegsu' I Deni': Utut! Esta ma-utut 20 pot sientu gi monedan pa'gu na sakan, segun anunsiu ginen i gobietnu.

Maribaha oran cho'chu' papa' gi 72 oras kada dos semana. Puede ha sustenegue` hinalum fondu `sino mas menus oran cho'chu' empleau.

Makat na mattirun moneda na biahe. Ti diskuidu i masusede sa' guiya este i finattun tiempun ha'ilas 'nai enteru elmundu inafekta kontodu hita guine.

Gi finattun tiempun ha'ilas mauleg sa' manlistu i kabayerus hegsu` I Deni` ma-utut todu ti manpresisu siha na gastu. Dañkulu na konsiderasion para i familia. Lau para todu i animu trabiha kosus i kaha estake muna'lu tatte i ekonomian i tanu' gi homlu'

Tautau Isla: 'Nai mattuyu' dos islas giya Marshalls gi 1974, hu ekuñgug sentimentun i tautau pot pinadesen kanset ginen potbus pagpag hydrogen bomb giya Bikini (bisinu) gi 1955. Maninafekta hinemlu' niha petmanente-kanset agaga-pot todu tanu' niha nina'ye potbus balan hydrogen bomb.

'An pueñge gi oriyan fugera hu a'atan i los probes ni motmut minagof gi lugat niha. Un' didog na pinadese ni makat ta entalu'e. Dispues, man-magof yan kontentu gi ha'anen niha. Taya` presisu para ta estotba.

Ti diskuidun niha i chenut soluke ma-afuetsas para umali'e ni Amerkanu haf para u padese i tautau ginen binenun potbus hydrogen bomb.

Esta na' triste i minagof niha gi gima' higai, hatdin yan tasi ni mabisisita diariamente pot mantension familia. Mañgontentu!

'Nai hu diñgu, hu a'atan halum mandikiki' kanai gi kantun tasi duru i señas adios. Na`triste i megai para u fan matai kanset. Kase esta guaha mediu giya siha manhanau dispues de 45 añus deste hu diñgu. Ha gomgum korasonhu `an hu hassu i los probes. Tinavuvot.

Ekonomia: Gi maribahan ekonomia, dos ensegidas masu-

sede sigidu: 1). Mas menus fiñkas (salape') para kinalamten i tanu'. 2). Menus cho'chu' pot maribahan bisnis gi mismu tiempu. Gi karera, kontodu fondu gi kahan gobietnu, menus!

Para ta komprende i asuntu gi ti maput na eskalera atan haf kinalamten familia gi halum guma`. I chinatsaga ni un` fafana siempre u fattu huyuñg gi señgsuñg siha. Makat gi katkuet manera pot menus fondu gi monedan familia.

Uniku manera 'nai para u guaha mas kampu gi kinalamten familia i para u birague` tatte homlu` ekonomian i tanu`. Sin este todu kinalamten initut pot taya` fondu para nesessidat familia yan setbisiun gobietnu. Puede muna'lu tatte pot presisu supottasion fondu para i sisteman hinemlu` yan edukasion.

Rikonose: Hu bisita i hagas soñgsuñg (Lali Fo') para bai li'e haf` guaha gi lugat `nai dumañkulu-yu`. Hungan guaha dididi` tinilaika fuera de fiet na dos troñkun lemai ni esta pa'gu manatachu gi sagan niha.

Mauleg na familia mankinatsu 'aggun pot apmam na tiempu. Adahe na tinegcha' amariyu na lemai in' saibog antes! Katsun estomagu gi tiempun ha'ilas. Magahet na bali na troñku maseha manu 'nai matanum.

Ni unu gi hagas bisinu gaige. Megai esta manhanau para i deskansun niha. I pumalu otru lugat 'nai mañasaga. Machalapun hagas bisinu.

Gaige i eskuelan CK (William S. Reyes) yan dos troñku ni hagas umadotna i lugat deste antes, kontodu haigen bandera. I plasa ni hagas lugat mame man-hugandu parehu esta pa'gu. Namagof mahuñgug esalau famaguon gi oran "recess" taimanu antes.

I gima' higai gi kantun tasin Lali Fo' manfitme esta pa'gu. Usun kusuneru gi Fiestan San Isidro, patron mame. Bibu na dinaña` guput ayu na selebrasion kada sakan. I hagas lugat mame gi Lali Fo`!

Suetdu: Segun ripot gaseta, guaha 15-mit na empleau gumagana baratu na suetdun popble guine. Gaige este na suetdu

### By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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entalu` \$15-mit esta \$42-mit gi sakan. Megai man-gaige gi entalu \$15-mit yan \$18-mit. Makat na kinalamten gi halum guma` familia gi taiguine na baratun suetdu.

Pot ihemplo: gi kuattru na membron familia haf na suetdu sufisiente para apas obligasion? Nahuñg ni \$24,600-mit pesus gi sakan? Ha kubre apas guma, kareta, trahe, neñkanu` yan otru presisun familia? Nahuñg nu este pat ti sufisiente para i ginagagau na numeru yan obligasion?

Dañkulu na kontrariu pot ti menus ke \$650 miyon pesus kada sakan ha nesessita este na asuntu. Taya` fondota para este na attikulu.

I fuetsan monedan familia i sentru asuntu ni debi u guaha ladañkulu na adelantu. Estague` i primera obligasion miyu—kualidat linala' halum guma' familia—sin ditension. Guaha in' petsige guine na puntu?

**Sapet:** Yangin mattirun baratun suetdu makat para i mangaige Saipan kuatdiba familian empleau giya Luta yan Tinian. Fektus nesessidat giya Luta 40 pot sientu tatkiloña ke Saipan.

Gi hilu` este na chinatsaga, lamegai na familia man-hanau para sanlagu pot taya` appottunidat gi tanu` niha. Masoda` mauleg na sisteman edukasion, hinemlu' yan appottunidat cho'chu' pot nesessidat niha. Giya Luta kase 20 na familia esta man-hanau para sanlagu guine gi alacha. Chinatsaga!

## We must prevent war with Iran

s a physician and member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, I am deeply troubled by the intemperate rhetoric about Iran coming from Washington, D.C. In recent weeks, national security adviser John Bolton, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and others in the Trump administration have made alarming statements about the prospects for war with Iran.

Given that the United States pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal in May 2018, such statements could provoke Iran to restart its nuclear weapons program and thereby further increase the

After realizing the unanticipated, unintended costs of the long wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the American people overwhelmingly oppose another disastrous and preventable war in the Middle East. Such a war would jeopardize national security and endanger the lives of Americans and others. President Donald Trump has given mixed signals, alternately threatening to destroy Iran and saying he has no desire to engage in a war against it.

As always, Trump's negotiation style, intentions and actions

are unpredictable. It's impossible to dismiss the risk that he will draw us into an endless, unwinnable war.

That should not be allowed to happen. The Constitution grants members of Congress the power to declare war. It is their responsibility to prevent war with Iran now before it starts. A war with Iran—given its size, unique strategic location and well-known military preparedness—could be potentially even more deadly than the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

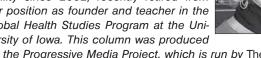
The Middle East is a complicated political tinderbox. Because the United States is a nuclear-armed country, conventional war with Iran includes the potential for an unthinkable nuclear war, causing many millions of deaths, nuclear winter and mass starvation. The Iran nuclear deal, which Iran has continued to comply with even after the United States withdrew, is critical to preventing such a catastrophe.

To ensure compliance with the deal, the United States must negotiate re-entry into the agreement. Likewise, it must maintain diplomatic communications to more readily monitor Iran's adherence to nonproliferation goals. In this way, both nations can

## By MAUREEN MCCUE

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Dr. Maureen McCue, coordinator of the Iowa Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility since 2002, recently retired from her position as founder and teacher in the Global Health Studies Program at the University of lowa. This column was produced



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experience the positive outcomes of the agreement.

It is time for Congress and this administration to recommit to the deal between the United States, our allies and Iran, to prevent unnecessary destruction, suffering and death. Congress must step in, do their duty and prevent a war with Iran. Our national security and that of the world depends on it.

The complex nods to the community's rural history and is a world away from the bustle of the Oceanfront. The sprawling array of Colonial-style brick buildings recall a simpler time, when people could expect to go to work, or school, or church, or the theater or any number of other places without fear of a mass shooting.

And the sorrow of this senseless act is something that all of Hampton Roads will endure. It is little surprise that the victims come from communities throughout the region, as thousands of people live and work in different cities, traveling each day from one to another.

So while this happened in Virginia Beach, it is not the com-

munity's burden to bear alone. I hat was evident in the messages of support and sympathy that poured in from the other cities here and across the commonwealth, with offers to help in whatever way they could.

That kindness—all kindness, right now—is greatly welcomed and sorely needed.

There are policy questions that must be asked and answered, both big and small, in the aftermath of this. These deserve a robust debate, one with ample participation from the public, aimed at making this community and this country a better, stronger and safer place to live.

This was the deadliest shooting in Virginia Beach's history and the worst in the United States this year. That distinction is unlikely to hold for long. There have been more than 150 mass shootings in 2019, and this was only the deadliest nationwide since November.

Thus, we are challenged: Either we resign ourselves to the fact that what happened in Virginia Beach on Friday, and countless other communities before it, is part of life in America. Or we commit ourselves to something different. The choice is ours to make.

Today, however, our thoughts should be centered on the lives lost, on those poised for a long recovery and for all those

"We are sad today, and we will be sad for quite a while. We are not moving on, we are embracing our mourning," Giovanni said a dozen years ago and nearly 300 miles from the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. "No one deserves a tragedy."

What was true then is true now. Together, we will heal.

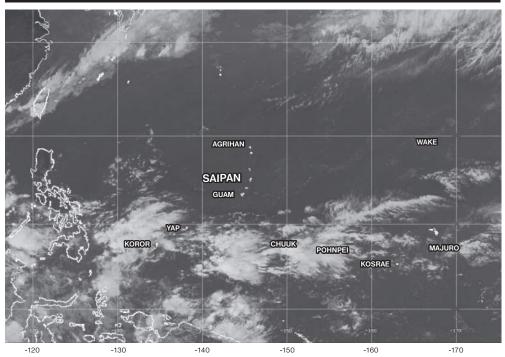
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## The Weather

#### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN **THURSDAY** FRIDAY **SATURDAY SUNDAY** Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to Partly cloudy with isolated Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight Partly cloudy with isolated chance of thunderstorms **79º** 79° 79° 79° 79° 900 89°

#### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



#### PICTURE TIME: 7:13 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters. The VAD wind profile indicates east-northeast winds of 14 to 21 knots through the lowest 9 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 4 to 6 feet which are composed mainly of a 3 to 5 foot east trade-wind swell and wind waves from the east-northeast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Manila	Thunderstorms	97° / 82°
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	57° / 43°
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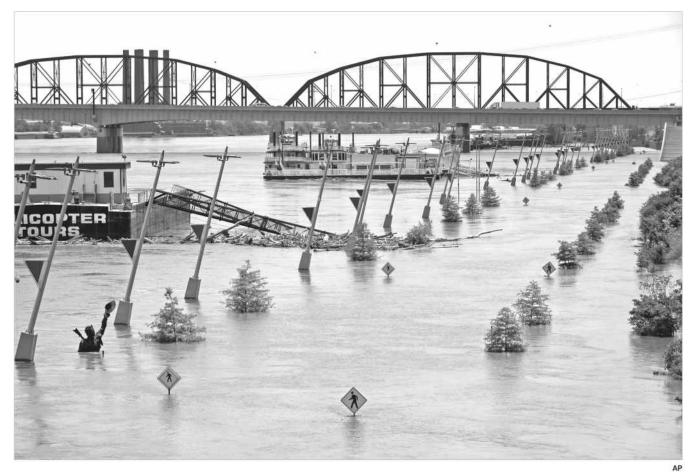
## House sends long-delayed \$19.1B disaster aid bill to Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—A long-delayed \$19.1 billion disaster aid bill sailed through the House on Monday and headed to President Donald Trump for his expected signature, overcoming months of infighting, misjudgment and a feud between Trump and congressional Democrats.

Lawmakers gave the measure final congressional approval by 354-58 in the House's first significant action after returning from a 10-day recess. It was backed by all 222 voting Democrats and 132 Republicans, including the GOP's top leaders and many of its legislators from areas hit by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and fires. Fifty-eight Republicans voted "no," including many of the party's most conservative members.

Trump hailed passage of the tweeting, "Farmers, Puerto Rico and all will be very happy." The president suggested, incorrectly, that the bill would now see action in the Senate. That chamber had already passed the bill by a sweeping 85-8 vote on its way out of Washington May 23, a margin that reflected a consensus that the bill is long overdue.

But conservative Republicans in the House held up the bill last week, objecting on three occasions to efforts by Democratic leaders to pass



Water from the Mississippi River floods Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard, Saturday, June 1, 2019, in St. Louis. The Mississippi River is expected to rise several more feet by midweek.

the bill by a voice vote requiring unanimity. They said the legislation — which reflects an increasingly permissive attitude in Washington on spending to address disasters that sooner or later hit every region of the country -

without a recorded vote.

Along the way, House and Senate old-timers seemed to outmaneuver the White House, though Trump personally prevailed upon Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, Rshouldn't be rushed through Ala., to drop a bid to free up

billions of dollars for dredging

held up over a fight between Trump and Democrats over seems long settled.

"Some in our government refused to assist our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico who are still recovering from a

we've moved past that," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. "Because when disaster strikes, we shouldn't let a ZIP code dictate our response."

The measure also faced delays amid failed talks on Trump's \$4 billion-plus request to care for thousands of mostly Central American migrants being held at the southern border. The sides narrowed their differences but couldn't reach agreement in the rush to go on recess, but everyone agrees that another bill will be needed almost immediately to refill nearly empty agency accounts to care for migrants.

"We must work together quickly to pass a bill that addresses the surge of unaccompanied children crossing the border and provides law enforcement agencies with the funding they need," said top Appropriations Committee Republican Kay Granger of Texas. "The stakes are high. There are serious — life or death — repercussions if the Congress does not act."

The measure is largely the same as a version that passed the House last month. Republicans opposed it for leaving out the border funding.

## Walmart extends debt-free college benefits to high schoolers

NEW YORK (AP)—Walmart is extending its debt-free college benefits to high schoolers as a way to attract and retain workers in a tight labor market.

The nation's largest private employer said Tuesday it will offer free college SAT and ACT prep for its workers in high school, while offering two to three free general education college classes through an educational startup. Walmart estimates about 25,000 people under the age of 18 work at its stores, a fraction of its 1.3 million person U.S. workforce.

The enticements are part of an expansion of a program Walmart launched last year offering affordable access to a college degree for full-time and part-time workers who have been with the company

at least 90 days.

The company is working with a Denver-based startup called Guild Education that offers a program costing a dollar a day at several non-profit universities with online programs that have had success working with adult learners. It also said it's expanding the number of degrees beyond business and supply management to an additional 14 that will include cybersecurity and computer science. Walmart says these programs will help provide workers with skills it needs in the future.

are already enrolled in the proof its employees to be enrolled in the next several years.

The moves come as Walmart and others seek to recruit

and retain higher quality entry-level employees in a tight U.S. labor market, while looking for untapped labor pools.

High schoolers represent an increasing challenging group. Fewer and fewer teens are entering the workforce, more likely to enroll in summer school or do volunteer work to help get them into college. And teens who do want to work face competition from older workers, young college graduates or foreign workers.

In fact, only 26.4% of teens are expected to have a job by 2024, according to the Bureau About 7,500 adult workers of Labor Statistics. That's down from 34% in 2014. In gram. Walmart expects 68,000 July 1986, 57% of Americans ages 16 to 19 were employed. The proportion remained over 50% until 2002 when it began declining steadily.

and other harbor projects. The measure was initially

aid to Puerto Rico that 2017 hurricane. I'm pleased

## Trump, in tussle with CNN, suggests boycott of parent AT&T Daniel Ives, an analyst with

NEW YORK (AP)—President Donald Trump took to Twitter on Monday to reiterate his complaints about CNN and suggest a boycott of its parent company, AT&T.

Soon after his arrival in London for a pomp-filled state visit, Trump tweeted that CNN is the primary source of U.S. news in the United Kingdom. "After watching it for a short while, I turned it off," he wrote. "All negative & so much Fake News, very bad for U.S."

Trump asked why doesn't AT&T "do something" and said that if people stopped using or subscribing to AT&T, it would be forced to make "big changes" at CNN. CNN is owned by Turner Broadcasting System, a division AT&T's WarnerMedia.

"This is unprecedented and extremely unusual for this to come out of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue," said Wedbush Securities.

It's not clear how much of an impact Trump's remarks will have. Invested shrugged off the news, as AT&T's stock price increased 1.7% on Monday. AT&T and CNN declined to comment.

Trump has suggested boycotting companies he has had grievances with in the past, both before and after he became president.

Trump, for instance, called on people to boycott Apple in 2016 after it rebuffed the FBI's efforts to require a security backdoor into iPhone technology. Though Apple has seen iPhone sales decline, analysts point to an industry-wide slowdown in innovation. which has prompted people to wait longer between upgrades.

Other boycott targets have included Macy's , Harley-Davidson and HBO, which AT&T later acquired with CNN as part of its \$81 billion purchase of Time Warner Inc.

Trump has long criticized CNN over its coverage of him and his administration. Fox News Channel is his preferred network.

While unusual, the extension of Trump's CNN complaints to its parent company surprising. isn't AT&T's bid for Time Warner became public in 2016, it drew fire from then-candidate Trump, who promised to kill it "because it's too much concentration of power in the hands of too few."

After he became president, the Justice Department sued to block AT&T's bid for Time warner, arguing would hurt consumers. The president's statements didn't come up during the trial, though his antipathy loomed in the background.

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Taiwan Dollar	30.91
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## **Nation**

## Groups call on Pelosi, Dems to do more to impeach Trump

WASHINGTON (AP)—Progressive groups are expressing "deep disappointment" over House Democrats' unwillingness to start impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump and are calling on Speaker Nancy Pelosi to act, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The groups said in a letter being released Tuesday that voters gave Democrats control of the House "because they wanted aggressive oversight of the Trump administration."

They said: "The Trump era will be one that evokes the question — what did you do? We urge you to use your pow-

er to lead and to stop asking us to wait."

Pelosi has been reluctant to launch impeachment proceedings, despite growing numbers of Democrats saying it's time to start a formal inquiry. She says impeachment requires more public support and would detract from the legislative agenda.

Instead, House Democrats are conducting dozens of investigations of the Trump administration, announced a series of new hearings and promised a vote next week to hold Attorney General William Barr and former White House Counsel Don McGahn in con-

tempt of Congress for failing to comply with subpoenas.

But the groups—whose members include millions of Americans—say those being hurt by the Trump administration's policies and behavior don't have the privilege of waiting.

"There are people who feel Trump's boot on their necks every single day," said Heidi Hess, co-director at CREDO Action. "We expect moral leadership from you."

The groups signing onto the letter to Pelosi include Indivisible and Democracy for America.

"As Speaker of the House,

you have the power to ensure Congress exercises its constitutional obligation to hold this president accountable," the groups wrote.

Lawmakers returned Monday to Washington after hearing mixed messages from voters at town halls back home. In more liberal districts, voters were quick to discuss impeachment. But in some conservative areas, it hardly came up at all as voters focused on health care, the economy and other issues.

Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., told reporters Monday it's most important is to assemble "all the facts and data."

If Trump refuses to cooperate, "then we might not have any alternative other than to impeach," he said. "But that's a long process."

Amid rising calls for action, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer announced the House will vote next week to hold Barr and McGahn in contempt for their failure to comply with the subpoenas.

Hoyer said the administration's "systematic refusal to provide Congress with answers and cooperate with congressional subpoenas is the biggest cover-up in American history."

The resolution scheduled for a June 11 vote will allow the Judiciary Committee to seek court enforcement of its subpoenas. Barr has refused to turn over an unredacted version of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia report. McGahn has been directed by the White House to defy the subpoena requests.

## ACROSS THE NATION

#### Judge rejects Congress' challenge of border wall funding

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal judge on Monday denied a House request to prevent President Donald Trump from tapping Defense Department money for his proposed border wall with Mexico, saying Congress lacked authority to sue. Trump's victory is muted by a federal ruling in California last month that blocked construction of key sections of the wall. The California case was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Sierra Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition. U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden, a Trump appointee, wrote that the House's lawsuit was "about whether one chamber of Congress has the 'constitutional means' to conscript the Judiciary in a political turf war with the President over the implementation of legislation." McFadden said Congress didn't have authority in this case but that he didn't mean to imply the legislative body could never challenge the president in court over separation of powers.

## Transgender asylum seeker dies after release from US custody

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—A transgender asylum seeker has died just days after being released from a U.S. immigration detention center where advocates say detainees are mistreated. They say the death is another example of poor care and treatment that transgender detainees get in custody. The death of Johana Medina Leon, 25, follows that of Roxsanna Hernandez, a 33-year-old Honduran transgender woman, whose 2018 in-custody death sparked protests and calls for an investigation.

Hernandez died of a rare disorder that developed quickly because of AIDS, according to an autopsy report released in April. The Santa Fe Dreamers Project, Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center and ACLU of New Mexico have written to several government officials asking them to address the issue. "Johana's tragic death underscores the senselessness and cruelty of the current administration's detention policies for migrants and asylum seekers," Kristin Greer Love, a staff attorney at ACLU of New Mexico,

#### California governor won't free Manson follower Van Houten SACRAMENTO, Ca

said in a statement.

**lif.** (AP)—California Gov. Gavin Newsom overruled a parole board's decision to free Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten on Monday, marking the third time a governor has stopped the release of the youngest member of Manson's murderous cult. Van Houten, 69, is still a threat, Newsom said, though she has spent nearly half a century behind bars and received reports of good behavior and testimonials about her rehabilitation. "While I commend Ms. Van Houten for her efforts at rehabilitation and acknowledge her youth at the time of the crimes, I am concerned about her role in these killings and her potential for future violence," he wrote in his decision. "Ms. Van Houten was an eager participant in the killing of the LaBiancas and played a significant role." Van Houten was 19 when she and other cult members stabbed to death wealthy Los Angeles grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, in August 1969. She said they carved up Leno LaBianca's body and smeared the cou-

ple's blood on the walls.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., leaves a ceremonial swearing in outside the House chamber, Monday June 3, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

## Gunman's motive unclear, officials quiet days after shooting

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)—The Virginia Beach employee who shot and killed 12 people at a municipal building gave no hint of the massacre to come when he emailed his resignation letter earlier in the day, saying that he was leaving for "personal reasons" but that "it has been a pleasure to serve."

The gunman's two-sentence emailed resignation letter—released by city officials Monday, three days after the shooting—put authorities, the community and victims' families no closer to understanding why the engineer with 15 years on the job would go on a rampage at work.

Investigators seem stymied. There are no indications the 40-year-old Craddock left notes, manifestos, social media screeds or any other obvi-

ous signs of what motivated him.

Craddock's resignation email gave his two weeks' notice but no clues that he was unhappy at work or held a grudge against anyone. Because the email is partially redacted, it's unclear how long before the shooting it was sent. Officials wouldn't say why they redacted it, and they declined to give an update on the investigation Monday.

Craddock's email reads: "I want to officially put in my (2) weeks' notice to vacant my position of Engineer III with the City of Virginia Beach. It has been a pleasure to serve the City, but due to personal reasons I must relieve my position."

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Resignation letter of De-Wayne Craddock

Sometime later that day, police say, Craddock went from floor to floor of the building, firing from two .45-caliber pistols, killing 11 of his coworkers and a building contractor he encountered in the parking lot. He was killed in a gunbattle with police.

Police Chief James Cervera has said investigators are retracing the gunman's activities on the day of the attack, using his electronic keycard to track his movements through secure areas of the building. They are also reviewing his personal and professional lives.

"Right now we do not have

anything glaring," Cervera said Sunday. "There's nothing that hits you right between the eyes. But we are working on it."

Officials also have said there's no indication Craddock targeted anyone specifically; shortly after the shooting, Cervera described him as firing "indiscriminately."

Cervera has described a chaotic scene as officers entered the building and pursued the assailant through a tightly packed warren of offices that the chief likened to a maze or a honeycomb. They exchanged fire in a protracted gunbattle. Cervera said he did not know how many rounds were fired but called it "well into the double digits." Craddock was shot and taken by ambulance to the hospital, where he died.

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## Asia

## Kim's sister back in public eye at North Korea's mass games

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The powerful younger sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attended a public event in Pyongyang for the first time in more than 50 days, casting further doubt on media speculation he had ordered her to lay low over the failed nuclear summit with Washington.

North Korea's state media on Tuesday showed Kim Yo Jong clapping aside her brother, his wife and other top officials at the 150,000-seat May Day Stadium where thousands of gymnasts, dancers and flip-card-wielding spectators worked in precise unison to perform "The Land of the People."

The official Korean Central News Agency said the performers on Monday showed "beautiful and graceful rhythmic movements, high-spirited gymnastics, interesting national emotion and rich artistic depiction," but also that Kim Jong Un was quite unhappy about their display. He seriously criticized the creators for their "wrong spirit of creation and irresponsible work attitude" and set forth "important tasks" to correctly implement the country's revolutionary policy on literature and art, the agency said.

State media often reports on Kim scolding factory officials, educators and others perceived as not performing to his standards. The mass games events were once routine in North Korea but were on hia-



tus for several years during the mourning for Kim's father and only returned last year.

Kim Yo Jong is a senior official of North Korea's ruling party and is believed to be her brother's closest confidant. She had accompanied him to his summits with President Donald Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in and had joined other dignitaries in the stands at last year's Winter Olympics in South Korea.

But speculations about her

status grew after she was left out from her brother's trip to Vladivostok, Russia, in April for a summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. North Korean media had last shown her at a meeting of the North's rubber-stamp parliament on April 12.

South Korea's conservative Chosun Ilbo newspaper last week cited an unidentified source to report that Kim Jong Un had ordered his sister to lay low following the collapse

of his summit with Trump in February over mismatched demands in sanctions relief and nuclear disarmament. The newspaper had also reported Kim had punished his former top nuclear envoy, Kim Yong Chol, who North Korean media showed at the mass games and at a weekend concert of

military wives.

Senior envoy Kim Hyok Chol, who the Chosun reported had been executed along with four Foreign Ministry officials for betrayal, has not been seen by the media since the end of the Trump-Kim summit in Hanoi, Vietnam, in February.

In this Monday, June 3, 2019, photo provided on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, second right, waves with his wife Ri Sol Ju. center, during the grand gymnastics and artistic performance at the May Day Stadium in Pyongyang. The woman next to Ri Sol Ju appears to be Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, who state media said attended the performance.

South Korea's government and media have a mixed record on tracking developments among North Korea's ruling elite, made difficult by Pyongyang's stringent control of information about them. Although North Korea has previously banished or executed scapegoats to atone for major political flops, experts doubted the recent reports, saying such extreme punishments were unlikely unless Kim Jong Un was abandoning negotiations with the United States.

Cheong Seong-Chang, an analyst at South Korea's Sejong Institute, said Kim Yo Jong would not have been seen at the Supreme People's Assembly meeting in April had she been disciplined over the summit failure. Cheong said it's more likely she was reappearing after a period of rest.

## **ASIAN BRIEFS**

#### **Afghan officials:** bus bombing in capital kills 5

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A bomb attached into a bus carrying Afghan government workers has killed at least five people and wounded 10 others in the capital, Kabul, Afghan officials said Monday. Wahidullah Mayar, spokesman for the public health ministry, said the numbers could still rise. Nasrat Rahimi, spokesman for the interior ministry, said the employees belong to the Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission. Ahmad Shah, an eyewitness at the scene of the attack, said: "Five to seven bodies were on the street, a few of them were martyred and others were wounded." He said some of the victims were "burning inside the bus-no one was able to enter." No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but both

Taliban and Islamic State militants are active in Kabul and have staged attacks there. Afghan president Ashraf Ghani strongly condemned the attack in a statement sent by the presidential palace. A wave of attacks has rocked the Afghan capital over the last week. Four bombings on Sunday killed at least two people and wounded 27, and were preceded by deadly suicide bombings on Thursday and Friday.

#### High security a reminder on 30th anniversary of Tiananmen

**BEIJING** (AP)—Chinese authorities stepped up security Tuesday around Tiananmen Square in central Beijing, a reminder of the government's attempts to quash any memories of a bloody crackdown on prodemocracy protests 30 years ago. Extra checkpoints and street closures greeted tourists who showed up before 5 a.m. to watch the daily flagraising ceremony. An honor guard marched across a barricaded road and raised the Chinese flag as the national anthem played. Foreign journalists were not allowed onto the square to record events. Hundreds, if not thousands of people are believed to have been killed in 1989 when the government sent in the military to clear Tiananmen Square of protesters in an operation that began the night of June 3 and ended the following morning. For many Chinese, the 30th anniversary of the crackdown will pass like any other day. Any commemoration of the event is not allowed in mainland China, and the government has blocked access to information about it on the internet. When asked by foreign journalists, the government defends its actions on that night by pointing to the country's economic success since then.

## Indian pilots spot 5 bodies in search for missing climbers NEW DELHI (AP)—In-

dian air force pilots spotted five bodies Monday in the Himalayas near the border with China and Nepal while searching for eight climbers who went missing in an avalanche while attempting to chart a new route on India's second-highest mountain.

Dr. Vijay Kumar Jogdande, a civil administrator in the northern state of Uttarakhand, said the bodies, which he believes are those of some of the missing climbers, were identified using high-resolution photographs taken from a military helicopter before a rescue operation was suspended for the day because of heavy snowfall and high winds.

An operation to find the other three mountaineers will resume Tuesday, Jogdande said, cautioning that they may have been buried in an avalanche that struck the section of the mountain where they were climbing earlier this week.

Government officials are consulting the Indian army and Indo-Tibetan Border Police on how to retrieve the bodies from a summit on Nanda Devi East, a twin peak of Nanda Devi, India's secondhighest mountain.

Jogdande said a team was assessing the feasibility of sending a mountaineering team to the site where the bodies were spotted, which is at an altitude of 5,000 meters (16,404 feet).

"Both the terrain and the weather make safety a real issue," he said. "There is always a fear that people going for the rescue may get stuck there."

The team, led by British climber Martin Moran, began its ascent May 13 of the previously unclimbed 6,477-meter (21,250-feet) peak on Nanda Devi East, according to Moran Mountain, Moran's Scotland-based company. The team includes four Britons, two Americans, an Australian and an Indian liaison officer.

The team had last been in touch with base camp on May 26, according to four members of their expedition who had remained there, hemmed in by the heavy snowfall and rescued Sunday.

The four-member team at base camp, all British nationals, was led by 44-year-old Mark Thomas. The other three members were Zachary

Quain, 32, Kate Armstrong, 39, and Ian Wade, 45.

Amit Chowdhary, spokesman for the Indian Mountaineering Foundation, said the missing climbers' location was known up to May 26. He said they had been in radio contact with the other four expedition team members.

Chowdhary said when the Thomas-led team was no longer receiving radio updates from the other expedition team, Thomas went to look for the missing climbers the next day.

Jogdande said Thomas and the three others received first aid at a hospital in the town of Pithoragarh and were later released.

It was not immediately clear why Moran chose to summit the unclimbed peak.

Maninder Kohli, a mountaineer and foundation member, said Moran was known for his passion for trying new peaks.

"It's also possible that if the other members of the group were less experienced, and knowing how challenging Nanda Devi East is, that Martin thought this peak would be a kind of rehearsal that would acclimatize them for the harder task," Kohli said.

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## 35 dead as Sudan troops move against democracy protesters

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) —Sudan's ruling military moved to crush the protest movement opposing its grip on power as security forces overran the main sit-in site in the capital Monday, unleashing furious volleys of gunfire, burning down tents and killing at least 35 people, witnesses and protest leaders said.

With the assault, the generals signaled an end of their tolerance of the pro-democracy demonstrators, who months have been camped outside the military's headquarters as the two sides negotiated over who would run the country after the April ouster of longtime strongman Omar al-Bashir.

The head of the military council said early Tuesday that protest leaders shared blame for the violence, accusing them of dragging out negotiations and seeking to keep other sectors of Sudanese society out of an interim government. Gen. Abedel-Fattah Burhan also said that the council was cancelling all its agreement with protest groups and would call elections within seven months.

After their protests succeeded in forcing the military to remove al-Bashir, prodemocracy demonstrators had stayed in the streets, demanding the generals move to the background and allow civilians to lead the transition.



In this Monday, June 3, 2019 file photo, a protester flashes the victory sign in front of burning tires and debris on road 60, near Khartoum's army headquarters, in Khartoum, Sudan, Monday, June 3, 2019.

The dispersal of the sit-in country. now risks escalating violence even further. Scattered by the bloody assault, protesters vowed to keep up their campaign, suspending talks and calling for a general strike and civil disobedience. They urged nighttime marches across the

"This is a critical point in our revolution. The military Mohammed Yousef sociation, which has spear-

council has chosen escalation and confrontation," said Mustafa, a spokesman for the Sudanese Professionals' As-

"one of the most egregious examples of a growing global threat" to liberal democracy from the far right.

"@SadiqKhan, who by all accounts has done a terrible job as Mayor of London, has been foolishly 'nasty' to the visiting President of the United States, by far the most important ally of the United Kingdom," Trump wrote just before landing. "He is a stone cold loser who should focus

Khan supporters have previ-

During the palace welcome ceremony, Trump and Prince Charles inspected the Guard of Honor formed by Grenadier Guards wearing their traditional bearskin hats. Royal gun salutes were fired from nearby Green Park and from the Tower of London as part of the pageantry accompanying an official state visit, one of the highest honors Britain can bestow on a foreign leader.

headed the protests.

"Those are criminals who should have been treated like al-Bashir," he said. "Now the situation is either them or us, there is no other way."

Burhan's statement said military leaders would investigate Monday's violence. He didn't mention security forces, but said protests leaders bore blame for the volatile situa-

tion, because they have been "extending the negotiations and seeking to exclude other political and security forces" from participating in any transitional government.

The council and protest leaders had made progress during talks in May over an interim Cabinet and legislative body, but they split over the make-up and leadership of a

Swedish court rules not to extradite Assange for rape probe

sovereign council that was being discussed to govern Sudan during a three-year transition.

Burhan said the military council would now move to form an interim government to prepare for elections, which he said would be internationally supervised. He said the council was cancelling all its agreements with protest leaders.

Earlier, the military council said in a statement that Monday's violence erupted when security forces tried to clear an area adjacent to the protest camp. It said people being chased by the troops fled into the sit-in site, leading to the shooting deaths and injuries.

Activists said the assault appeared to be a coordinated move, with other forces attacking similar sit-ins in Khartoum's sister city of Omdurman and the eastern city of al-Qadarif.

The attack came on the day before the Eid holiday that ends Ramadan, the holy month when Muslims fast during daylight hours. Large numbers of troops from the military, police and Rapid Support Forces—an elite unit that during the anti-al-Bashir protests had vowed to protect the sit-in-moved in on the gathering after overnight rains, activists said.

"They are surrounding the sit-in from all directions," one activist, Amal al-Zein, said early in the assault, in which the forces burned tents and arrested those trying to flee.

## Ceremony, political gibes mark Trump's first day in London

LONDON (AP)—Mixing pageantry and pugilism, President Donald Trump plunged into his long-delayed state visit to Britain on Monday, welcomed with smiles and a cannon salute by the royals but launching political insults at others in a time of turmoil for both nations in the deep, if recently strained, alliance.

It was a whirlwind of pomp, circumstance and protest for Trump, who had lunch with Queen Elizabeth and tea with Prince Charles before a grand state dinner at Buckingham Palace.

The queen used her toast to emphasize the importance of international institutions created by Britain, the United States and other allies after World War II, a subtle rebuttal to Trump, a critic of NATO and the U.N.

But most of the talk and the colorful images were just what the White House wanted to showcase Trump as a statesman while, back home, the race to succeed him—and talk of impeaching him—heated

up. Yet Trump, forever a counter-puncher, immediately roiled diplomatic docility by tearing into London Mayor Sadiq Khan.

The agenda for Trump's weeklong European journey is mostly ceremonial:

Later this week come D-Day commemoration ceremonies on both sides of the English Channel and his first presidential visit to Ireland, which will include a stay at his coastal golf club. For most presidents, it would be a time to revel in the grandeur, building relations with heads of state and collecting photo-ops for campaign ads and presidential libraries.

But Trump has proven time and again he is not most presi-

With the trip already at risk of being overshadowed by Britain's Brexit turmoil, Trump unleashed a Twitter tirade after a newspaper column in which London's mayor said he did not deserve red-carpet treatment and was

on crime in London, not me."

ously accused Trump of being racist against London's first Muslim mayor.

#### COPENHAGEN, Denmark be extradited to Sweden.

(AP)—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange should not be extradited to Sweden for a revived rape investigation, but should still be questioned in the case while he is imprisoned in Britain, a Swedish court ruled Monday.

The ruling by the Uppsala District Court doesn't mean the preliminary investigation must be abandoned, only that Assange won't be returned to Sweden any time soon.

Eva-Marie Persson, Sweden's deputy director of public prosecutions, said she has not decided whether to appeal.

"I will also issue a European Investigation Order in order to interview Julian Assange," Persson said, adding that she hasn't picked a possible date for the questioning in England.

Assange's lawyer in Sweden, Per E. Samuelsson, said his client would "be happy, we are happy" to learn he won't

The 47-year-old Assange was evicted on April 11 from the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he had been holed up with political asylum since 2012. He was immediately arrested by British police and is currently serving a 50week sentence for jumping bail in 2012.

He is also fighting extradition to the United States, which accuses him of violating the Espionage Act by publishing secret documents hacked from the Pentagon containing the names of confidential military and diplomatic sources.

week, Assange Last missed a court session in Britain, reportedly due to health problems.

The allegations two Sweden women made against Assange stem from a trip to Stockholm he made in August 2010. One of the women was involved in organizing a political event

and offered to host Assange at her apartment. The other woman was in the audience.

A police officer who heard the women's accounts decided there was reason to suspect they were sex crime victims and handed the case to a prosecutor for further investigation.

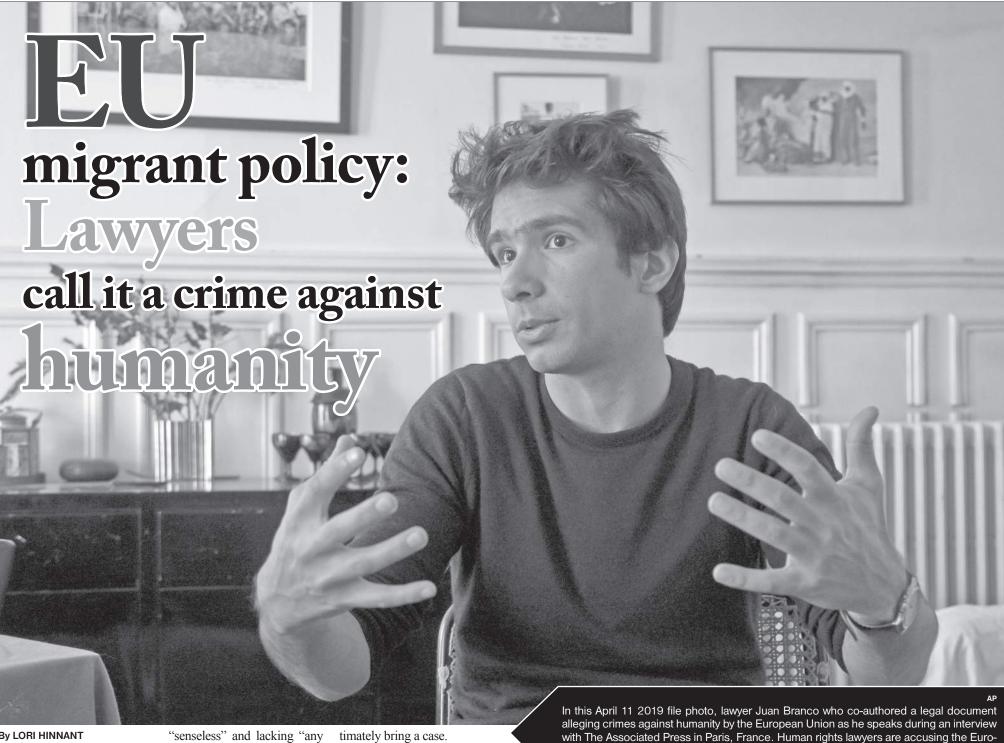
Assange has denied wrongdoing, asserting that the allegations were politically motivated and that the sex was consensual

The part of the probe dealing with sexual misconduct was dropped in 2017 when the statute of limitations for charging Assange with that crime expired.

The rape allegation still could be prosecuted; the statute of limitations expires in August 2020. Swedish authorities shelved the case while Assange was living at the Ecuadorian Embassy since there was no prospect of bringing him to Sweden for questioning.

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## Focus



By LORI HINNANT

**PARIS** (AP)—More than 40,000 people have been intercepted in the Mediterranean and taken to detention camps and torture houses under a European migration policy that is responsible for crimes against humanity, according to a legal document asking the International Criminal Court to take the case Monday.

The request filed with the ICC alleges that European Union officials are knowingly responsible for migrant deaths on land and at sea, as well as culpable for rapes and torture of migrants committed by members of the Libyan coast guard, which is funded and trained at the expense of European taxpayers.

The filing names no specific EU officials but cites an ongoing ICC investigation into the fate of migrants in Libya.

Officials with the European Union's executive commission, and the German and Spanish governments defended the EU's strategy to curb migration and efforts to help migrants in Libya. France dismissed the accusations as

"senseless" and lacking "any legal foundations."

The legal document cites public EU documents, and statements from the French president, the German chancellor and other top officials from the bloc.

"We leave it to the prosecutor, if he dares, if she dares, to go into the structures of power and to investigate at the heart of Brussels, of Paris, of Berlin and Rome and to see by searching in the archives of the meetings of the negotiations who was really behind the scenes trying to push for these policies that triggered the death of more than 14,000 people," said Juan Branco, a lawyer who co-wrote the report and shared it with The Associated Press. He was referring to the deaths and disappearances at sea, which come on top of the interceptions by the Libyan forces.

The ICC is a court of last resort that handles cases of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide when other countries are unwilling or unable to prosecute. It is up to the prosecutor, who receives many such requests, to decide whether to investigate and ultimately bring a case.

The EU spokeswoman in charge of migration, Natasha Bertaud, declined to comment directly on the court filing but said the EU's overall approach to intercepting migrants was directed at saving lives.

"The EU's track record on saving lives in the Mediterranean speaks for itself, saving lives has been our top priority and we have been working relentlessly to this end," Bertaud said.

The first crime, according to the document, was the decision to end the Mare Nostrum rescue operation near the end of 2014. In one year, the operation rescued 150,810 migrants in the Mediterranean as hundreds of thousands crossed the sea.

The operation cost more than 9 million euros a month, nearly all paid for by Italy. It was replaced by an operation named Triton, financed by all 28 EU nations at a fraction of the cost. But unlike the earlier operation, Triton ships didn't patrol directly off the Libyan coast, the origin of most of the flimsy smuggling boats that were taking off for Europe.

Deaths in the Mediterranean then soared. In 2014, around 3,200 migrants died in the sea. The following year, it rose to over 4,000, and in 2016 peaked at over 5,100 deaths and disappearances, according to figures from the International Organization for Migration.

to cross the Mediterranean Sea from Libya

Omer Shatz, the other lead lawyer responsible for the document, said internal EU documents showed officials hoped that ending Mare Nostum would create a deterrent effect.

"Deterrent effect - what does it mean? It means sacrifice the lives of some, in this case of many, to change the behavior of others, to discourage others from doing the same thing," Shatz said.

Bertaud said the EU quickly realized its mistake in ending the Mare Nostrum operation and tripled its rescue capacity in 2015, helping save the lives of 730,000 since that year.

But EU countries leaned heavily on the Libyan coast guard to do so, sending money and boats and a degree of training to units of the loosely

organized force linked to various factions of Libya's militias. For Alpha Kaba, a Guinean detained in slave-like conditions in Libya before ultimately making the crossing in 2016, that decision is a travesty.

pean Union of committing crimes against humanity in its treatment of migrants who hope

Kaba was rescued by a ship operated by humanitarian organizations. Those are all but gone now from the Mediterranean, after Italy, Malta and other countries repeatedly refused to allow them to dock with migrants on board.

And in the past two years migration has dropped considerably to Europe. The total for the first four months of 2019 was around 24,200 for irregular migration, 27% lower than a year ago, according to Frontex, the EU's border agency.

"Yes, there's no more migration, but where are all those young people that they picked up? They're in the prisons. They're in Libya and in prisons, and they're being tortured over there. If they aren't allowed in Europe, then let them go back to their countries quickly and under good conditions," said Kaba, who has received asylum in France. "There are no more entrances or exits."

Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Borrell said Libya's migrant holding cells "cannot be referred to as torture detention centers."

"We are trying all means to help Libya provide migrants with the best possible conditions," Borrell, who is maneuvering to become the EU's next foreign policy chief, told reporters in Morocco on Monday,

Libya's role in the migrant crisis and the conditions in the detention centers are already on the radar of the court's chief prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda.

The court receives many similar requests every year for formal investigations into war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"The more detailed the communication, the more likely the prosecutor will take it seriously," said Dov Jacobs, a defense lawyer at the ICC who is not connected to the 243-page request.

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## Good Housekeeping

## **ON** GARDENING:

By NORMAN WINTER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

# Superbena U hiteout verbena

Each year my color-design guru son orders plants for use at his client's homes, shopping centers, apartment communities, and office complexes. Though he is now way better than his dad, I always reserve the right to ask, have you got plenty of blue.

The answer is always, of course, but the question has now been turned to the dad, as he asks me, do I have white in my plantings. Guilty as charged, that is the last color I think about. 2019 looks to be a banner year for new white flowers. One of the most shocking in performance so far is the new Superbena Whiteout verbena. Great Scott, the flowers are huge making you do a double take when you first see them.

Superbenas have always been a favorite of mine since they made their debut about 16 years ago; I predict the Whiteout will quickly go to must-have plant status. Organic-rich, well-drained soil and plenty of sunshine will give you the green thumb. If you have heavy soil, then you

## heads the list of great new white flowers



Tophat White begonia debuts this year and reaches 2- inches tall and 24-inches wide.

in mixed containers where the conditions are more favorable.

If you haven't tried Su-

will rejoice when using them is most appropriate. Fertile, organic-rich well-drained soil may very well give a springreturn in zones 8-10. I assure perbena verbenas, the name vou though, they are worth evOf course, a scientist would

most likely say white is not a

color, it absorbs no other color

bride wearing a white dress, or

the nurse wearing a white uni-

form. It's like the morning you

wake and see the pure white

snow on the ground that hasn't

been violated in any way.

This goes in hand with the

or wavelength and is pure.

ery penny spent even growing them as an annual.

Calliope has become the geraniums in which all others are compared to when considered for bloom and rugged perseverance, in the hot humid south. When white showed in the market this year, a lot of designers, son included, were high fiving.

There is so much you can do with a white geranium including opening the door to the most beautiful red, white, and blue gardens that will sizzle not just during Memorial Day and July 4, but all summer.

If you are a begonia lover, then it's time to celebrate as Tophat White is new to the market. This begonia is amazing from size-of-plant to the size-of-flowers and it's the first white selection in the XL begonia class. I would say seeing is believing but I still look at them with disbelief. These really are the largest flowers you'll see in a landscape begonia. I say that, but you'll want them for containers, too. Tophat begonias are green-leafed and will reach 16 to 20 inches tall and 20 to 24 inches wide with flowers that are 20% larger.

When spring arrives every year with all of its glorious colors - purples, pinks, yellows, and reds, the color guaranteed to catch your eye every time is white.

purity. They also give a feeling of planning and precision. In other words, the gardener knew what he was doing by carefully planting white. Notice, I said carefully.

Superbena Whiteout verbena looks stunning with Saucy Red

White flowers not only give

definition to those shadier ar-

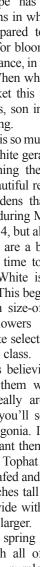
eas of the landscape but also

offer a sense of cleanliness and

While it can be argued that every other color looks its best partnered with white, they can also be overwhelmed. White is so flashy and bright it can steal the promise or potential of its companions.

Superbena Whiteout falling over the rim of a container, however, will be loved as much as a string of white pearls. It is the reflective capacities of white that make it so outstanding. White is the last color to disappear as the sun sets in the evening. If it is a moonlit night then they will reflect this light all night. As purple salvias disappear at dusk the companions of Calliope White geraniums will still be glistening and noticed as visitors pass by.

2019 is a banner year to shop at your local garden center, so I need to challenge you as you shop. Don't forget the white!





Superbena Whiteout verbena heads the list of new white flowers for 2019.



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## Life & Style

## Different ways to show paintings, photos to blind people



Norma Crosby, state president for the Texas chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, and Sophie Trist, right, a New Orleans chapter member, touch a bass relief of a photograph of the Vietnam Tet Offensive, by John Olson, whose company 3DPhotoworks also makes the bass relief, at the American Alliance of Museums Expo in New Orleans, Monday, May 20, 2019.

By JANET McCONNAUGHEY

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—As people at the American Alliance of Museums' trade show passed their hands along the raised figures in touchable versions of a Vietnam War photograph, small metal sensors touched off recordings to explain whose picture they were touching and what had happened to him. At a nearby booth was a flat reproduction of a Van Gogh self-portrait with slightly raised, slicker areas to show both outlines and how brush strokes swept or swirled within those outlines.

Museums nationwide are working to make their collections more accessible for people with disabilities, said Elizabeth Merritt, vice president for strategic foresight for the alliance, which represents museums of all sorts, from tiny local history museums to huge zoos. Hours when lights and noise levels are kept low for people on the autism spectrum are another example of inclusiveness, she said, as are websites and smartphone apps designed to work with screen readers for the blind.

Not all touchable art is high-tech. The Singapore Art Museum commissioned three artists to make touchable adaptations of their own works, and plans more.

But tech has a big role.

3D Photoworks, of Chatham, New York, was created by photographer John Olson to make his work and other two-dimensional art accessible to the blind and visually handicapped. The company has digital artists carve out contours for scanned art. After the models are created, small metal sensors are added to trigger narrations about the work and the figures within which they're set.

son's at the AAM expo, included one such model; the Van Gogh reproduction; a copy of a bust by French artist Jean-Baptist Carpeaux; and, from work for the Louvre of Abu Dhabi, a line drawing taken from a painting in a sacred Hindu text. It shows the buffalo demon Mahishasura fighting the many-armed goddess Durga. The outlines are in slick,

slightly raised plastic, with Indian Cultural Museum in ment on top of a tank during text and Braille labels including "Sword and shield," "Arrows" and "Leaping lion"—the animal on which Durga is riding.

Though created to give blind and visually handicapped people a look at flat art, the works also offered a new view to the sighted.

Court Myers, a technical consultant for the American Oklahoma City, ran his fingers across a set of "brush strokes" in Tactile Studio's Van Gogh.

"Wow!" he said. "You go up to his 'Starry Night' and want to feel what those swirls look like."

He was also blown away by "The Tank"—a 4-foot-wide blowup of Olson's famous photograph of wounded Marines getting emergency treatthe Tet offensive in February 1968. The sensor for a Marine shown holding a wounded man invoked an interview in which he explained why he had a toy squid in his helmet band.

The combination of hearing, touch and sight changed the sensation itself, Myers said: "For a second there, it felt squiddy."

"I've never seen anything like that, where it integrates touch and sound," said Sophie

Trist, 22, who has been blind

since birth. Her favorite among three art works and a map was Romare Bearden's collage "Three Folk Musicians," showing two guitarists and a banjo player.

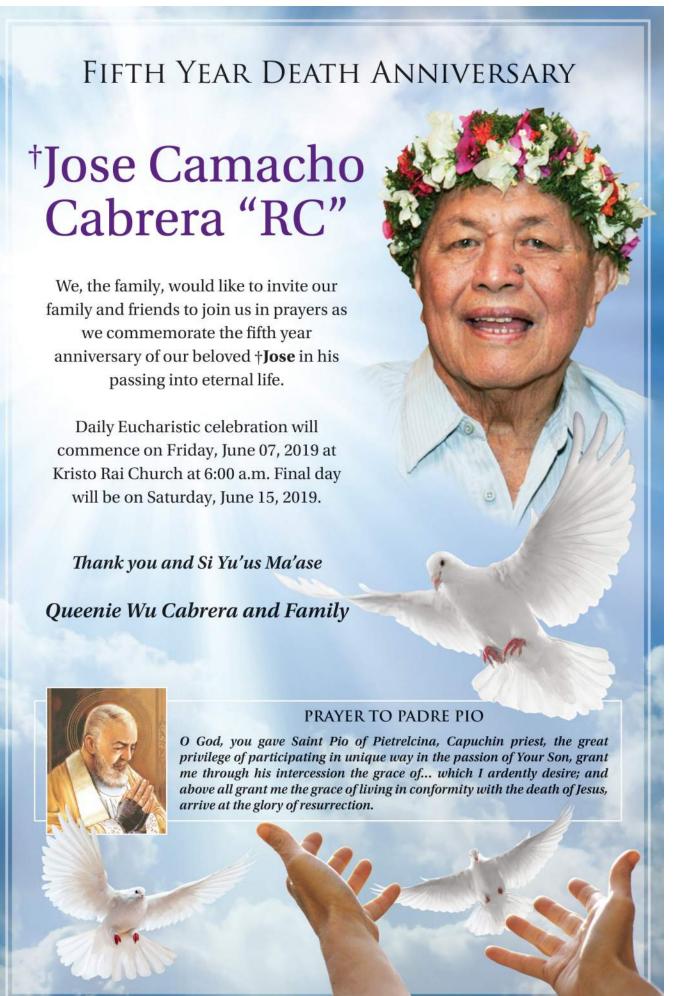
Without audio, she said, "I wouldn't have been able to tell the difference between a guitar and a banjo. ... Whereas if it were only the sound, it wouldn't be the full picture, either." She appreciated hearing the banjo and learning that it was invented by enslaved Africans.

Trist, a resident of suburban Mandeville, Louisiana, and a rising senior at Loyola University of New Orleans, was among several members of the National Federation for the Blind with Olson, who has partnered with the federation for about a decade.

Other high-tech adaptations noted by the alliance are 3-D models made by the Brooklyn Museum for the "sensory tours" it has held for years for blind or partly sighted patrons. That museum also offers tours with headsets to amplify the guide's comments as well as tours in American Sign Language. In Claremont, California, at the Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology, described on its website as the only nationally accredited U.S. museum on a high school campus, students can scan fossils and create models of them.

The Louvre commissioned small low-relief models of parts of its exterior for exhibits about the museum's own eight-century history, said Philippe Moreau of Tactile Studio 's Canada office, which did the work.

The studio's many displays, diagonally across from Ol-



## Spoiler alert: 'Jeopardy!' star Holzhauer's fate revealed

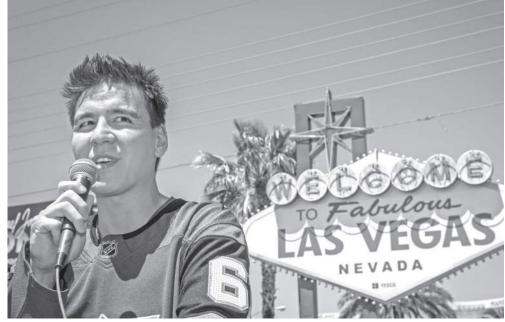
**NEW YORK** (AP)—James Holzhauer, the trivia whiz who dominated "Jeopardy!" this spring, isn't invincible after all.

The game show's 32-time champion lost for the first time in an episode that aired on Monday, falling short of records for total winnings and longest reign, but still making an argument that he's the best to ever play television's most popular game.

The professional sports gambler from Las Vegas ended his run by high-fiving the woman who beat him, Chicago librarian Emma Boettcher.

"I really felt like I had been playing with house money, so I wasn't too upset to see my run end," Holzhauer said in an email interview. He said he ran into "a terrific opponent playing flawlessly."

The streak made Holzhauer a household name and sent ratings soaring, at a time "Jeopardy!" needed a pick-me-up amid host Alex Trebek's announcement that



In this May 2, 2019, file photo, "Jeopardy!" sensation James Holzhauer speaks after being presented with a key to the Las Vegas Strip in front of the Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign in Las Vegas.

he had cancer.

Holzhauer nearly doubled the show's previous record for one-day winnings by earning \$131,127 on his tenth game, and he leaves with the 16 highest one-day scores in

the show's history. The game has aired in its current form since 1984.

He combined a savant-like knowledge of the world with a mastery of the buzzer, allowing him to beat opponents to

with a lead over Holzhauer, and bet \$20,201 to ensure he couldn't beat her.

"What a game!" Trebek said. "Oh, my God."

The show's final clue was: "The line 'a great reckoning in a little room' in 'As You Like It' is usually taken to refer to this author's premature death."

Both Boettcher and Holzhauer correctly answered, "Who is Christopher Marlowe?"

Holzhauer had \$2,462,216 through Friday's episode, leaving him a little more than \$58,000 shy of the record for earnings set by Ken Jennings in 2004. Holzhauer didn't get halfway to Jennings' 74-game win streak.

"I was surprised to see James go down considering how unbeatable he has looked, but it just goes to show how fragile a 'Jeopardy!' streak is," Jennings said on Monday. "The end is always just one bad break away."

Jennings said it was a fantastic run. "I don't know if we'll see anything like it again," he said.

Holzhauer, who rarely buzzed in with wrong answers, said he was proud that he never beat himself. "It took an incredible performance to knock me out," he said.

Holzhauer's intimidating dominance became so routine that some longtime "Jeopardy!" watchers groused that it was becoming boring. Holzhauer himself seemed subdued during his last few victories. He said there was an explanation: last week's episodes were taped immediately after Trebek announced his cancer diagnosis, so that might have affected his mood.

"I don't think I ever tired of playing," he said. "I greatly enjoyed the whole experience."

Word that Monday's episode might turn out to be special for "Jeopardy!" fans spread quickly with circulation late this weekend of a video of the show's final minute. A show representative did not immediately respond to questions about how this material was leaked.

Holzhauer himself offered a cryptic tweet hours before most of the country had seen the episode, saying he "knew I shouldn't have invited @ Drake to the @Jeopardy taping." Savvy sports fans would recognize the reference to a supposed curse that the rap star brings to teams he roots for.

## Randy Travis gets candid in first memoir post-stroke

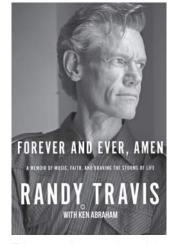
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)— More than a month after Randy Travis suffered a near fatal stroke in 2013, doctors were not hopeful about his recovery. Complications were piling up, including a collapsed lung and infections, and the country star was in a near comatose state. His doctors told his then-girlfriend that it would be a matter of time before his heart stopped.

Mary Travis, who would later marry Travis in 2015, described in his new memoir that she sat at his bedside and asked him if they should keep fighting. She said she saw a tear fall from his cheek.

"And the warrior that he is, he mustered up the strength to squeeze my hand," Travis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I was like, 'We're fighting this. He's not ready to give up and we're not giving up. Only the only person that's going to take him out of this world is God.""

Travis, who has aphasia, a condition that limits his ability to speak and give interviews, reveals his painful, months long recovery from the stroke in the new memoir chronicling his rise to fame in candid detail. Called "Forever and Ever, Amen: A Memoir of Music, Faith and Braving the Storms of Life," the book reveals his highs and lows, from platinum albums and Grammy awards, to his arrest for driving under the influence and his divorce from his previous wife and manager.

The Country Music Hall of Famer, who turned 60 in May when the book came out, ushered in a new wave of neo-traditionalism in the 1990s with



This cover image released by Thomas Nelson shows "Forever and Ever. Amen: A Memoir of Music, Faith and Braving the Storms of Life," by Randy Travis with Ken Abraham.

hits like "Forever and Ever, Amen," "On the Other Hand," and "Three Wooden Crosses."

Mary Travis said they wanted to be honest with fans about

"He felt like, cause he's the one that ultimately made the decision after the survival of the stroke, it's time to share these ups and downs," she said.

Co-writer Ken Abraham explained that he studied Travis' speaking style over years of interviews and tried to mimic the way Travis would write.

"I listened to everything I possibly could where Randy was speaking, on a TV interview, in a radio interview," Abraham said. "Then I'd bring that back to Randy and Mary. 'Does that sound like Randy? What I put into words, does that sound like Randy?""

The North Carolina native hit it big with his multiplatinum 1986 album "Storms of Life," and went on to win

seven Grammy Awards, in both country and gospel categories. He acted in movies and toured, but behind the scenes, the book said he was largely unaware of his financial situation because he left those decisions up to his wife and manager Elizabeth Hatcher-Travis.

They filed for divorce in 2010 after 19 years together, but it turned contentious, with lawsuits filed over his management contract. In the book, he compared her to Colonel Parker, Elvis Presley's controversial manager.

For the first time publicly, the book addresses his 2012 arrest for driving under the influence, in which Travis, who was nude and intoxicated on sleeping pills and alcohol, crashed his car and was videotaped on police dash cam.

"It was moving forward and it was time for his story to be told his way, not through a tabloid," Mary Travis said. "Because sometimes in your silence vou're misunderstood. So if you're quiet then they just make up the story.

In 2013, Travis was hospitalized due to viral cardiomyopathy, a virus that attacks the heart, and then suffered a stroke. Travis had to relearn how to walk, spell and read in the years since his stroke and he still struggles with aphasia. But in 2016 he was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and surprised the crowd by singing "Amazing Grace."

"What Randy wants most is for that book to inspire people that maybe feel rejected or lonely, people are battling with things they don't know how to understand," Mary Travis said.

bler's cold-blooded instinct to make big bets. Often in the show's first round, he'd quickly pile up as much money as he could, and then bet it all if he landed on a Daily Double that allows him to choose how much money to risk. In the end, he ran into a

the punch, and adding a gam-

woman willing to be as bold as he was. Boettcher went into the show's final question

## Kevin Spacey shows up for hearing in groping case

NANTUCKET,

(AP)—Kevin Spacey made an unusual appearance Monday at a Massachusetts courthouse where his attorney asked for a swift trial in the groping case against the actor, saying Spacey is "suffering" as he awaits a chance to clear his name.

Jackson

Attorney Alan called the case alleging the former "House of Cards" star groped a young man in a Nantucket bar in 2016 "ridiculous" and accused prosecutors of withholding information from the defense.

Jackson pushed for a trial date for this summer, but the judge said the earliest it could happen is in the fall.

"He is suffering every day that this goes on," said Jackson, who occasionally placed his hand on Spacey's shoulder throughout the hearing at the Nantucket District Court. "That's a day he is not getting justice."

Meanwhile, prosecutors accused Spacey's legal team of attempting to spin the case in its favor in the media by filing motions demanding information it already had or was going to get. Prosecutors said the defense was merely looking to give the press "something to gnaw on."

"It seems providing the media with the defendant's version was the true intent," First Assistant District Attorney

Brian Glenny wrote in a brief filed Monday.

Spacey, who wore a gray suit and glasses, sat at a table alongside his lawyers. He occasionally whispered in Jackson's ear but didn't speak during the hearing or respond to questions from reporters as he walked in or out of the

courthouse.

Spacey was not required to attend the hearing and has stayed away from the courthouse except for his arraignment in January, which he also tried to avoid.

The 59-year-old actor, who has pleaded not guilty to a charge of indecent assault and battery, faces up to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years behind bars if convicted.

It's the only criminal case that has been brought against the two-time Oscar winner since his career fell apart amid a flurry of sexual misconduct allegations in 2017.

The case came to light that year when former Boston TV anchor Heather Unruh said Spacey got her son drunk and then sexually assaulted him at the Club Car, a popular restaurant and bar on the island off Cape Cod.

Unruh's son told police he wanted to get a picture with Spacey and went over to talk to him after his shift ended at the Club Car, where he worked as a busboy. The man

said Spacey bought him several drinks and tried to persuade him to come home with him before unzipping the man's pants and groping him for about three minutes.

The teenage accuser told police that he tried to move Spacey's hands, but that the groping continued, and he didn't know what to do because he didn't want to get in trouble for drinking. The man said he fled when Spacey went to the bathroom.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people alleging sexual assault.

Spacey's attorneys have stepped up their attacks on the credibility of the man who brought the allegations. In motions filed Friday, Jackson accused the man of deleting text messages that support Spacey's claims of innocence.

The accuser's attorney declined to comment Friday.

Prosecutors deny that they withheld anything from the defense or falsely claimed they weren't in possession of the man's cellphone. Prosecutors say they had already agreed to provide the defense a copy of the information they downloaded from the accuser's phone, but Spacey's attorneys say that's not enough.

They want the phone itself so they can do their own analysis and try to recover messages they claim were deleted. They also want access to messages on Unruh's phone.

## Noted jazz drummer Lawrence Leathers found dead in the Bronx

NEW YORK (AP)—Noted jazz drummer Lawrence Leathers has been found dead outside a Bronx apartment.

Police say the 37-year-old Leathers was found Sunday in a stairwell outside the apartment he shared with 41-yearold Lisa Harris.

Police say Leathers was involved in a physical dispute with Harris and a man. They say Harris punched him and the man, 28-year-old Sterling Aguilar, of Brooklyn, placed him in a chokehold.

Leathers was pronounced

dead at the scene.

Both Harris and Aguilar were arrested Monday on assault charges. It wasn't clear if they had lawyers.

Leathers, a native of Lansing, Michigan, worked on two Grammy Awardwinning albums by Cecile McLorin Salvant, who posted a link of Leathers playing on Instagram.

Drummer E.J. Strickland remembered Leathers on Instagram as "one of the most musical, swingingest, honest drummers out there."

> pieces in the form of Norse warriors, carved from walrus ivory in the 12th century. A hoard of 93 pieces was

auction next month.

discovered in 1831 on Scotland's Isle of Lewis. It is now held in both the British Museum in London and

LONDON (AP)—A chess

piece purchased for a few

pounds (dollars) by an an-

tiques dealer in Scotland

in 1964 has been identified

as one of the 900-year-old

Lewis Chessmen, among the

greatest artifacts of the Vi-

Sotheby's auction house

said Monday that the chess

piece is expected to bring

between 600,000 pounds

(\$670,000) and 1 million

pounds (\$1.26 million) at an

The Lewis Chessmen are

intricate, expressive chess

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Missing Lewis Chessman found, could fetch \$1M at auction

This image made available by Sotheby's on Monday June 3, 2019, shows a newly discovered Lewis Chessman on display at Sotheby's in London.

the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh—but five of the chess pieces were missing.

The 3 1/2-inch (8.8-centimeter) piece to be auctioned July 2, the equivalent of a rook, is the first of the missing chessmen to be identified. It was passed down to the family of the antiques dealer, who did not realize its significance.

Sotheby's European sculpture expert Alexander Kader said the find is "one of the most exciting and personal rediscoveries to have been made during my career."

## Brandon Maxwell, Rick Owens take top CFDA fashion awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Designers Brandon Maxwell and Rick Owens have taken top honors at the annual Council of Fashion Designers of America awards.

A slew of fashion luminaries and celebrities were on hand at the Brooklyn Museum Monday evening for the glittery ceremony, which is fashion's answer to the Oscars. TV host and comedian Hasan Minhaj and actress Jessica Williams were among the top presenters, handing out the womenswear award to Maxwell and the menswear award to Owens.

Maxwell was best known as

a stylist for Lady Gaga until becoming a known designer in his own right. He recently oversaw the pop superstar's Met Gala look that involved her shedding outfits on the red carpet to reveal multiple looks.

Perhaps the evening's most high-profile honor, the Fashion Icon award, went to pop star Jennifer Lopez, honored for her style and her multifaceted career. And this year's Board of Directors' Tribute went, for the first time, to a doll: none other than Barbie was honored as "an icon and champion of female empowerment."

## David Lynch, Wes Studi among honorary Oscar recipients

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The first Oscar winners of the season are already here. Groundbreaking filmmaker David Lynch, Cherokee-American actor Wes Studi director Lina Wertmüller and actress Geena Davis will all be receiving honorary Oscar statuettes at the Governors Awards in October, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Monday.

Davis will receive the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her work advocating for gender equality in media as the founder of a non-profit organization, the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media, and the female-focused Bentonville Film Festival. The 63-year-old actually has won an Oscar before, for her supporting performance in "The Accidental Tourist," and was also nominated for "Thelma & Louise."

> The three other honorary Oscars are intended to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the industry, but have not yet taken home Oscar gold.

> Lynch, 73, is a four-time Oscar nominee for "The Elephant Man," in which he was nominated for what is now known as adapted screenplay and best director. His other

nominations are for best director for "Blue Velvet" and "Mulholland Dr."

Studi, 71, has never received an Oscar nomination, but has been part of a number of Oscarnominated and winning films like "Dances with Wolves," "The Last of the Mohicans," "The New World," and "Geronimo: An American Legend."

At 90, Wertmüller is perhaps unfairly the least famous of the recipients, but broke enormous ground for women in the industry when she became the first woman to get a best director nomination for the film "Seven Beauties" in 1976. Wertmüller lost out to John G. Avildsen, who won for "Rocky." Only four other women have followed in getting that best director nomination: Jane Campion, Sofia Coppola, Kathryn Bigelow

and Greta Gerwig, and Bigelow is the only woman who has won.

The film academy's board of governors voted on this year's recipients Saturday, months earlier than usual to accommodate the shortened awards calendar this year.

"These Governors Awards given by the Academy each year recognize individuals who have devoted themselves to a lifetime of artistic accomplishment and brought outstanding contributions to our industry, and beyond," said film academy President John Bailey in a statement.

The 11th annual ceremony will be held on Oct. 27, a month earlier than usual, at the Ray Dolby Ballroom in Hollywood just steps away from where the Oscars will take place on Feb. 9 2020.

## Barry Jenkins to direct film about choreographer Alvin Ailey

NEWYORK (AP)—Barry Jenkins will direct a film based on the life of choreographer Alvin Ailey.

A spokesperson for Fox Searchlight on Monday confirmed that the studio is developing the project, with the "Moonlight" filmmaker directing. Jenkins last helmed the Oscar-nominated James

er do anything.

and quacks, it is a duck.

Baldwin adaptation "If Beale Street Could Talk."

Raised in segregated rural Texas, Ailey became a pioneering choreographer, dancer and director who helped popularize modern dance. He died in 1989 at the age of 58 from AIDS-related complications. In 2014, President Barack Obama

EAR ABBY: I am an attractive woman who has

been married for 30 years. I think my husband has

been cheating on me for most of them. Through the

years I have seen the telltale signs and confronted

him many times. But he continually tells me no, he would nev-

I have tried hard to stay with him, although I feel stupid for

doing it. You see, my parents were married for 62 years, and

I have two sisters and three brothers who have never been di-

I need to know for sure whether he has cheated, but I don't

know how to prove it. I have found a letter in his wallet, notes

slid under my door at work and actually saw him touch another

woman in a sexual manner years ago. My friends say if it walks

I have asked him many times to go to counseling and he al-

ways says he will, but we never do. I no longer want to continue

living with this man. There has got to be something better than

always waiting for the next bomb to drop. Advice?

vorced or separated. So I'd feel like a failure if I left him.

awarded him a posthumous Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The film will be partly based on Jennifer Dunning's biography "Alvin Ailey: A Life in Dance." Searchlight last year began developing the film after securing the rights to Ailey's choreography from the Ailey Organization.

Unhappy wife is loath to be first in her family to divorce ence your decision. What's important is doing what is right for yourself.

> If you feel you need to have proof that your husband is being or has been unfaithful, and has lied to you all these years, then hire a private detective and you will probably get what you are looking for. You have my sympathy.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 13, and I have had a few problems with my boyfriend's family. I got him in trouble a few times, and I feel really bad about it, even though I'm not a bad person. We have talked about things we shouldn't have talked about at our age and to put some distance between you and your boyfriend. used bad language. His parents have gotten on him about it.

I tried to talk to his mother, but I have the feeling they don't particularly like me even though she says she has nothing against me. I know my boyfriend's older sister doesn't like me and doesn't want me and her brother to be together.

We are now being forced to break up until he is respectful enough to have a girlfriend, even though he is very respectful. I feel like this all revolves around me, and I want to get his family to know the real me and give me another chance. What should I do? FORCED TO BREAK UP IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR FORCED TO BREAK UP: Thirteen is young for a serious romance, and your boyfriend's family may be worried that you are trying to rush him into a relationship for which he isn't ready. For now, the smart move would be

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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If you stand any chance of improving your standing with his mother and sister, a step in the right direction would be to clean up your bad language. Another would be to concentrate your efforts on becoming someone they can respect—a good student, active in a youth group or sports activity. If they can see a positive change in you, they may be more receptive to your being in his life. And if they don't, your time won't have been wasted because you will have become a more successful person.

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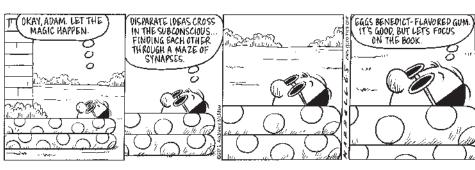
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A decision will disrupt your plans. Look for an alternative way to do things that allows you to live up to the demands being made and lets you take advantage of an opportunity you don't want to miss. 👀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): How you go about doing things will make a statement. A personal change will generate good feelings and push you in a new direction. Do your own thing, set a reasonable budget and don't

stop until you reach your destination. ���� GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Truth will play a role in what transpires. Don't rule out what others do or say. Listen carefully, and do whatever it takes to verify information necessary to your success. Short trips, communication and educational pursuits are encouraged. •••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your emotions to create something beautiful. It's what you do with pent-up energy that counts. Take the initiative, and make positive changes that will enhance your relationships with others. Equality and understanding should be priorities.

not be as they appear. Hold off getting into a debate until you have all the facts. A change someone makes should not prompt you to follow. Look for better opportunities. ���

not assumptions. You have everything to gain if you use intelligence, experience and know-how to get what you want. Offer incentives, and pursue people who can contribute

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do your research. Set up meetings and visit people and places that give insight into your alternatives. Rely on experience to help you deal with what someone is doing to outmaneuver him

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in return. 🛇 🛇 🔾 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider what you'd like to see happen, and get started. Working alongside people who have proven to be helpful in the past will encourage you to make positive personal changes. Love and romance are in the stars.

Birthday Baby: You are possessive, emotional and conscientious. You are serious and astute.

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## Untested so far, Djokovic faces Zverev next

PARIS (AP)—Novak Djokovic is into his record 10th consecutive French Open quarterfinal, something not even King of Clay Rafael Nadal has managed to do.

And Djokovic is yet to be challenged at all this year at Roland Garros. Not only hasn't he lost a set—he's only twice ceded as many as four games in a set.

Extending his Grand Slam winning streak to 25 matches and closing in on a fourth championship in a row, Djokovic was dominant yet again in the fourth round Monday, beating 45th-ranked Jan-Lennard Struff of Germany, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

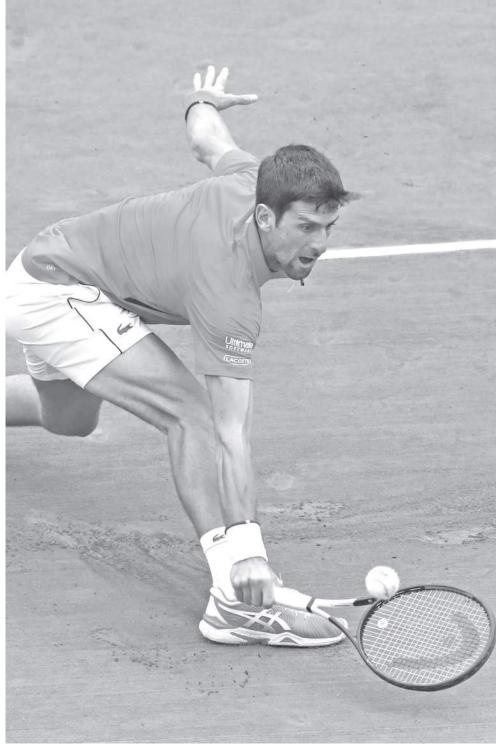
"Everything is coming together beautifully. I'm motivated to fight for the trophy, yes. I mean, that's why I'm here," said Djokovic, who owns 15 Slam titles, including one in Paris. "But it's still a long way to go."

It's helped, certainly, that the No. 1-ranked Djokovic has not needed to deal with a single seeded foe yet. That will change now: He faces No. 5 Alexander Zverev for a spot in the semifinals.

Have things been too easy so far? Is it possible that Djokovic hasn't had the proper preparation for what could be tougher going in the latter portion of the tournament?

"I don't mind cruising along, to be honest," he said with a smile. "I have plenty of experience, I think, dealing with situations where you're facing break points or where it's tense. I have played plenty of, I think, tight matches in my career, that I can rely on that experience."

He added: "It's good to be tested, from that perspective, but at the same time, it's also good to cruise along and kind of conserve the energy for what's coming up."



Djokovic and Zverev have split four previous tour meetings.

Zverev reached his second straight quarterfinal in Paris by coming back to eliminate No. 9 Fabio Fognini, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (5).

He's only 22, but Zverev has been touted as a future champion for quite some time. He has yet to play in a major semifinal, though, and mentioned Monday that he enjoyed getting to be a bit under the radar so far in this French

Open, noting that 20-year-old Stefanos Tsitsipas, the sixth seed, was a subject of more focus until losing in the fourth round to Stan Wawrinka.

"For me," Zverev said, "it was actually quite a nice thing that not all of the attention ... is

Serbia's Novak Djokovic plays a shot against Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, June 3, 2019.

only going towards my way."

Unlike Djokovic, he has not exactly had an easy path to the round of eight: Zverev needed to win two five-setters in addition to going four against Fognini.

The other quarterfinal on their half of the draw Wednesday will be No. 4 Dominic Thiem against No. 10 Karen Khachanov, who got past 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to make it to the final eight for the first time at a major.

Thiem advanced by eliminating the last Frenchman in the field, No. 14 Gael Monfils, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. A man from the host country hasn't won the French Open since Yannick Noah in 1983.

#### Federer vs Wawrinka

Roger Federer has a chance to take a measure of revenge against friend and fellow Swiss player Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinals. Wawrinka beat Federer in straight sets in their last Roland Garros meeting at the same stage four years ago. Until last week, that 2015 match was also the last time Federer played in the clay-court Grand Slam tournament, having missed the 2016 edition to rest a sore back, then skipping the clay season altogether the following two years. Also Tuesday, Rafael Nadal looks to stay on track for a record-extending 12th title in Paris when he faces seventh-seeded Kei Nishikori.

Meanwhile, to Amanda

Anisimova, it seems "like, forever ago" that she was playing in the French Open main draw for the first time.

For the record: It's been all of two years.

Ah, to be young again.

Still only 17, and ranked 51st, the precocious American with the quick-strike strokes and self-described "effortless shots" became the first player born in the 2000s to reach a

Grand Slam quarterfinal,

overwhelming Aliona Bolsova of Spain 6-3, 6-0 at Roland Garros on Monday and earning the right to face defending champion Si-

mona Halep next.

Anisimova, born in New Jersey and based in Florida, is the youngest U.S. player to get to the round of eight in Paris since Jennifer Capriati in 1993, the youngest from any country since 2006.

"I have no idea about who did what at what age. People tell me, and then I just forget after a second. I don't really care about it too much," said Anisimova. "I'm in the present and I want to do good and I hope for good results, but I don't really think about how old I am."

Now she will take on the 27-year-old Halep, the No. 3 seed, who dispatched another teenager, Iga Swiatek of Poland.

When someone asked about going from an 18-year-old opponent in Swiatek to Anisimova, Halep's initial reply was: "I feel old."

"To play against someone 10 years younger than me, that's not easy. But I feel stronger on court," she went on to say. "They're young. They have nothing to lose. So every match is tough."

Halep is one of only two women left in the draw who already own a major title.



#### TORONTO (AP)— The Toronto Raptors feel good mentally, and they are certainly in better shape physically than the Golden State Warriors.

The Raptors know they have outplayed Golden State for perhaps 90 of the 96 minutes of the NBA Finals, and they almost overcame the one brutal stretch where they didn't. Despite being blanked for nearly half the third quarter of Game 2, the Raptors were within two points in the final seconds.

Golden State held on to win 109-104, tying the series that moves to Oracle Arena for Games 3 and 4. The Raptors lost the game and home-court advantage, but not any of their belief that they can win

## Raptors OK mentally, Warriors shaky physically

the series.

"We fought back and we know that going towards Game 3 we've got to play a lot better, and it's going to be even harder on the road," Raptors guard Fred VanVleet said, "but we're capable and we know what we bring to the table."

The Warriors aren't quite sure, at least as it relates to their health.

They are hoping Kevin Durant is close to returning from a seven-game absence with a strained right calf, and that Klay Thompson's hamstring injury wasn't serious after he limped off the court early in the fourth quarter Sunday. They also could be

without Kevon Looney, who has been their best center in the postseason, after he sustained an injury to his chest or shoulder and sat out the second half of Game 2.

So the Warriors were in no condition to dance their way back across the border in this first NBA Finals to be played outside the U.S.—in fact, DeMarcus Cousins posted an Instagram picture of he and Andre Iguodala being moved through the airport in wheelchairs.

But they wouldn't have even in peak condition. They've played in so many series during their run to five straight finals that they understand better than anyone how momentum works.

"It swings so much. They've gone through it, too, when they were down 0-2 last series and won four straight games," Iguodala said. "We won two games at home and went to Houston and lost two and everyone thought the world was ending, especially with our team. Certain things that we pick up along the way, that experience will help us with emotional swings from game to game in this series."

Iguodala hit the clinching 3-pointer after the Raptors had clawed their way within two points by scoring 10 straight in the final minutes. It certainly seemed it would be easier for the Warriors after their 18-0 run to start the third quarter, an NBA Finals record to begin a half, had put them in control.

Toronto stayed in it thanks to Kawhi Leonard, who finished with 34 points and 14 rebounds, and an assault on the backboards in which they outscored the Warriors 23-0 in second-chance points.

It might take even more than that to get a game at Oracle Arena, where the two-time defending champions will play Wednesday for the first time in nearly three weeks. Golden State hasn't played a home game since Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against Portland back on May 16.

Winning the "finals is not going to be easy," Leonard

said. "The only thing that matters is the four. Four wins. Once you get it, two wins, three wins, it does not matter. Just take one game at a time and just play through the adversity."

That's what the Warriors did in Game 2, when a dynasty turned to all the tricks they've learned to pull a rabbit out of their hats.

Now they have to hope they won't run out of rabbits.

"Obviously, we have the star power, but when you bring guys off the bench, that goes a long way," backup guard Quinn Cook said. "I don't think they'll get tired for the finals. There are two days between games. They'll be back hungry on Wednesday, just like us. We just have to keep being better."

## Machado's grand slam lifts Padres vs Phillies



(AP)—Manny Machado

drove a high fly ball to right field and all Bryce Harper could do was turn, run to the wall and watch it sail over his head into the home run deck at Petco Park.

Machado's grand slam carried the San Diego Padres to an 8-2 victory against the NL East-leading Philadelphia Phillies in the first showdown this season between the superstars who changed teams during spring training.

The Phillies lost center fielder Andrew McCutchen to a sprained left knee in the first inning. He'll have an MRI Tuesday

It was Machado's 10th homer this season and first since May 14 off Kenley Jansen in a 6-3 loss at the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"It felt great. I finally got a good swing and got a grand slam and got the W," Machado said. "Beating a good pitcher like (Aaron) Nola, I mean, he was getting out of some key situations there that we left runners in scoring position that we should have drove in. ... Overall a good W, a good inning for the ballclub so we really thrive off that."

Machado's two-out slam off JD Hammer highlighted the seven-run sixth. After rookie Josh Naylor hit a two-run single to knock out Nola (6-1), Hammer came on and walked Greg Garcia to load the bases. He struck out Franmil Reves before Machado drove the next pitch for his ninth career

Machado signed a \$300 million, 10-year deal with the Padres on Feb. 21 and Harper signed a \$330 million, 13year deal with the Phillies on March 1.

Machado said he didn't get a chance to speak with Harper before the game.

"I think he was getting ready and I was. It's always good to find a new home. He found one and I found one myself. That's the most excitement that we could get, knowing that we're going to be here for a long period of time."

Reyes homered off Nola in the fifth, his 17th, and Ian Kinsler hit a go-ahead double in the sixth.

Nola allowed six runs and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings, struck out three and walked three.

"I just didn't have it tonight, really didn't have anything,' Nola said. "Curveball was missing, changeup was missing, fastball was missing. "

#### Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Walker Buehler pitched eight innings of two-



hit ball and Corey Seager hit a three-run homer as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondback in the

opener of a three-game series. The NL West-leading Dodgers won their sixth straight, improving to 4219. The Diamondbacks saw their two-game winning streak halted.

from Arizona starter Robbie Ray (4-3) out to left-center field in the top of the fourth Seager hit a full-count pitch to break a scoreless tie. Jus-

Manny Machado, left, waits for the catch before tagging out Philadelphia Phillies' Sean Rodriguez who was caught stealing second base during the third inning of a baseball game Monday, June 3, 2019, in San Diego.

San Diego Padres shortstop

tin Turner singled and David Freese walked with one out ahead of Seager's eight homer of the season.

Buehler (6-1) carried a nohitter into the bottom of the fifth inning and got the first two outs before Christian Walker homered. Buehler struck out a season-high 11 without a walk for his first career win over the Diamondbacks.

Arizona failed to provide enough run support for Ray, who gave up three runs on six hits in seven innings and struck out nine.

Kenley Jansen worked the ninth inning for his 18th save in 20 chances. Arizona brought the tying run to the plate with two outs, but David Peralta popped out to end the game.

#### **Cubs 8, Angels 1**

In Chicago, Jon Lester allowed one run in seven innings, and the Cubs beat Los Angeles in the makeup of a contest scheduled for April 14 that was postponed because of inclement weather.

Coming off three straight losses at St. Louis in which they scored six total runs, the Cubs broke loose with a fiverun sixth inning. Javier Baez began the onslaught with a run-scoring double, one of his three RBIs, as Chicago picked up its second win in its past eight games.

Lester (4-4) allowed four singles, walked one and struck out six, giving up his only run on a sacrifice fly by Jonathan Lucrov in the seventh.

Former Cub Trevor Cahill (2-6) was charged with five runs on six hits and two walks in 4 1/3 innings in relief of opener Cam Bedrosian.

## Astros 4, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Robinson Chirinos homered to cap a three-run first inning, Houston added an insurance run on a baffling play by the Mariners' defense, and the Astros won for the sixth time in seven games.

Chirinos' eighth home run capped a first inning in which Seattle's decision to use Cory Gearrin as an opener backfired. Gearrin (0-2) gave up an RBI triple to Josh Reddick, a run scoring groundout to Yuli Gurriel and Chirinos' long homer to cap his one inning of work before handing off to Wade LeBlanc.

## Orioles draft catcher Rutschman with No. 1 pick

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Adley Rutschman heard the chatter for months that he'd be the top pick in the Major League Baseball draft.

The switch-hitting Oregon State catcher just kept slugging at the plate and throwing out would-be basestealers all season from behind it-making it an easy call for the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night.

unbelievable," Rutschman said from Goss Stadium in Corvallis, Oregon, shortly after becoming the top pick. "Just to look back on how I was as a kid and seeing what my expectations were, how far I've come from there. It's special."

The announcement by at MLB Network studios marked the second time the Orioles led off the draft they took LSU pitcher Ben McDonald in 1989.

"I met with all the teams over the course of the year and knew the Orioles were going to be the first overall," said Rutschman, a 40th-round pick by Seattle three years ago. "As the year progressed and went along, it looked like it was a possibility more and more. It just worked out that way."

With the No. 2 choice, the Kansas City Royals grabbed Texas high school shortstop Bobby Witt Jr., the son of former big league pitcher Bobby Witt.

The younger Witt has draftday bragging rights on his father, who won 142 games over 16 seasons after being selected No. 3 overall in 1985.

"Now I've got him beat," Bobby Witt Jr. said.

The Witts became the highest-drafted father-son duo, topping Tom Grieve (No. 6, 1966) and Ben Grieve (No. 2, 1994). They are the seventh father-son combination of first-rounders, and first since Delino DeShields (1987) and Delino DeShields Jr. (2010).

"The dreams are kind Commissioner Rob Manfred of turning into reality," the younger Witt said.

The 21-year-old Rutschman had been the favorite to go first overall since he led Oregon State to the College World Series championship last year and was selected the most outstanding player. He followed that up with a dominant junior season at the plate—and behind it. He hit .411 with a careerbest 17 homers to go with 58 RBIs and a school-record 76 walks, and threw out 13 of 27 runners attempting to steal.

Rutschman, a native of Sherwood, Oregon, is a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award given to the country's top college player. He was also the Pac-12 player of the year for the Beavers and the conference's co-defensive player of year.

His selection marks the seventh time a player drafted as a catcher was taken with the top pick, and first since Minnesota tabbed Joe Mauer in 2001.

The 6-foot, 180-pound Witt Jr., considered a fivetool prospect, turns 19 next Friday. The Colleyville Heritage High School star has impressive power while making consistent contact with a smooth right-handed swing.

University of California slugging first baseman Andrew Vaughn went to the Chicago White Sox with the third pick.

Vaughn batted .381 this season with 15 homers, 50 RBIs and a .544 on-base percentage that ranks among the national leaders. He also showed a terrific eye at the plate and struck out just 74 times in three college seasons.

The 6-foot, 214-pound Vaughn is also looking to become the first repeat winner of the Golden Spikes Award after earning the honor as a sophomore last year.

The Miami Marlins drafted Vanderbilt outfielder JJ Bleday at No. 4, adding the Southeastern Conference player of the year who has a quick, left-handed swing and leads Division I players in home runs with a school-record 26. A finalist for the Golden Spikes Award, the 6-foot-3, 205-pound Bleday is hitting .351 and brings a 42-game onbase streak into next weekend's super regionals round of the NCAA Tournament.

With the fifth pick, the Detroit Tigers took Florida high school outfielder Riley Greene. Gatorade's Florida state player of year hit .422 with eight homers, 27 RBIs and 38 runs as arguably the country's top prep outfielder. He has a smooth left-handed swing that produces consistent line drives.

More draft history was made when the San Diego Padres selected speedy Georgia high school shortstop CJ Abrams at No. 6, marking the first time no pitchers were taken within the first six picks.

# 5 players to watch at Women's World Cup

FRANCE—The Women's World Cup kicks off Friday in Paris. Twenty-four FRANCE 2019 teams will tra-

verse France for the next month in pursuit of soccer's most prestigious trophy. Here are five players to watch during the tournament:

ALEX MORGAN, United **States:** Morgan was named the U.S. national team's Player of the Year after she closed out 2018 with 18 goals in 19 games. She had seven goals during the CONCACAF World Cup qualifying tournament alone.

Morgan is a proven scorer: She also earned Player of the Year honors in 2012 when she had 28 goals and 21 assists, and helped the national team win an Olympic gold medal. Mia Hamm is the only other player to have 20-plus goals and assists during a single season.

The 29-year-old forward, who will have a birthday during the tournament in France, is playing in her third World Cup. She was the youngest player on the 2011 World Cup team, scoring a goal in the final match against Japan.

She scored her 100th goal with the national team in April — not bad for a late-bloomer who didn't play club soccer until age 14.

Morgan, who also plays with the National Women's Soccer League's Orlando Pride, was named this year to Time Magazine's 100 most influential people list.

#### **CHRISTINE** SINCLAIR,

Canada: Sinclair is the most prolific scorer ever in Canadian soccer, and with 181 career goals she's edging closer to former U.S. star Abby Wambach, who holds the international record — among men or women — with 184.

Sinclair has been the face of the Canadian women's team for 19 years. Now 35, this tournament will be the softspoken captain's fifth, and likely final, World Cup.

Canada has won bronze medals at the past two Olympics.



In this July 26, 2018, file photo, U.S. forward Alex Morgan, second from right, celebrates her hat trick with defender Tobin Heath (17) and other teammates during the second half of a Tournament of Nations soccer match against Japan in Kansas City, Kan.



In this May 24, 2018, file photo, Lyon's Dzsenifer Marozsan, right, celebrates with teammates after Lyon scored against Wolfsburg, in Kiev, Ukraine. Marozsan will be playing for Germany in the Women's World Cup, that kicks off Friday, June 7, 2019, in Paris.



In this Aug. 6, 2016, file photo, Brazil's Marta, left, leaps over Sweden goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl as she attempts a shot on goal during the Olympic soccer tournament in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

at the World Cup was in 2003, NWSL's Portland Thorns. when they finished fourth.

From Burnaby, British Columbia, Sinclair won two NCAA championships at the University of Portland. She's

But the closest the Canadians stayed in the Pacific Northhave come to a podium finish west, and plays with the

> MARTA, Brazil: Known by just her first name, Marta Vieira da Silva is a six-time FIFA World Player of the Year.

tion and is listed as the coach.

dreu Galvez, Nicole Malasarte, Janelle and Jordan Pan-





In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, Canada's Christine Sinclair, center, takes a shot as United States' Samantha Mewis (3) watches during the first half of an international friendly soccer match, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Marta is playing in her fifth World Cup, She has also played in four Olympics for Brazil, but so far, a championship has eluded her in both tournaments. The 33-year-old has the most World Cup goals with 15, one better than both Wambach and Germany's Birgit Prinz.

Growing up in a small town in Brazil, Marta played soccer with the boys. But her talent was recognized quickly and she left home to play soccer when she was just 14.

At the 2016 Olympics in her native country, she played with so much passion that fans crossed out Neymar's name on their No. 10 jerseys and wrote in Marta's.

She had a setback last week when she injured her left thigh in practice for the World Cup,

gilinan, Daniel and Ezekiel Macario, and Nathan Guerrero, while beach volleyball will be represented by father and son Tyce and Logan Mister and Chris Nelson.

Watanabe, Sophia Gauran, Jinju Thompson, Lennosuke Suzuki, and David Boyer.

from July 7 to 20.

'very soon."

SAMANTHA KERR, Australia: There are few players, if any, that are as dynamic as Kerr with the ball. She's also known for her signature backflip following goals.

This will be the 25-year-old's third World Cup, and the Australians hope to improve on their surprising run to the quarterfinals in the 2015 tournament.

Since making her debut with the Australian national team at 15, Kerr has collected 31 goals in 77 games. As captain of the team, known as the Matildas, Kerr has been called "fearless" by coach Ante Milicic.

Kerr plays soccer yearround with the Chicago Red Stars of the NWSL and with In this April 20, 2018, file photo, Australia's Samantha Kerr, left, fights for control of the ball against Japan's Nana Ichise, bottom right, during the AFC Jordan 2018 Women's Asian Cup final in Amman, Jordan.

the Perth Glory of Australia's W-League. Last season, she led the NWSL in goals for the second straight year with 16.

## DZSENIFER MAROZSAN,

**Germany:** Marozsan is the inspirational story of the World Cup, having returned to the game after a pulmonary embolism kept her sidelined for several months last year.

Marozsan grabbed international attention at the 2016 Olympics in Brazil when she scored the winning goal against Sweden. The 27-yearold has 32 goals in 89 appearances overall with Germany.

At just under 15, she became the youngest player to debut in the Bundesliga. She currently plays for Lyon and has been the French player of the year for the past two seasons.

Lyon has won the French league and the Champions League for the past three seasons. A World Cup championship is the only major title Marozsan is missing.

## LITTLE

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trate the Comets in the next four innings he worked the mound. In the second inning, Comets leadoff batter Justin Camacho made it to as far as third base, but after Adriano gave up a single to him, the Little Legals pitcher struck out the next two batters and left the former and Jesus Tyquengco stranded after fanning Isidro Lizama.

Adriano got three more strikeouts in a quick top of the third inning and although the Comets had more batters making it to the plate in the fourth, the Little Legals pitcher still prevented them from making it past second base. James Blas led off for the Comets, advanced off the Little Legals' error at first base, and reached second after Adriano walked Patty Mendiola. Adriano then got back-to-back strikeouts and ended the inning in the ensuing play after throwing to Perez at third base for the tag out on Blas.

For his final pitching duty, Adriano was still on a zone, as he fanned leadoff batter Isidro Lizama and after giving up a single to Sam Aldan, the pitcher struck out Bowie. The Comets were then done after four batters with Javen Camacho flying out at right field.

Austin Diaz relieved Adriano and though the former gave the Little Legals some anxious

moments, he still delivered and finished off the Comets. Diaz walked leadoff batter James Blas and allowed a single to Justin Camacho. Blas was then able to reach third base and Camacho moved to second, but the Comets just could not hit the board, as Diaz struck out the next two batters-Mendiola and Greg Tebit—while first baseman Jared Muna caught a fly ball from Tyquengco.

With the victory and the No. 1 seeding, the Little Legals arranged a semis duel against No. 4 Falcons (7-5) this Saturday. The Comets, on the other hand, will challenge McDonalds, which also held an 8-4 mark, but dropped to No. 3, as the former allowed the lesser runs in the regular season.

## **Braves 11, Twins 10**

The NSA Braves rallied in the last two innings to win their final game of the season.

Behind by six after four complete innings, 4-10, the Braves scored five runs at the bottom of the fifth and got two more in the sixth to steal the victory from the Twins.

Krafits Eliasair made the winning hit with his double driving Jacob Babauta home. Leadoff batter Marino Santos earlier scored the game-tying run for the Braves, who finished the season with a 3-9 mark, while the Twins failed to win a single game in the competition.

## **PACIFIC**

Games. The main reason for us cancelling is the cost of the trip. However we will be sending junior (males and females) V1 (one-man canoe) paddlers to the competition. The federation felt that this would be a good development opportunity for our junior paddlers and they have been training hard and are hungry to compete," NMNPSF vice president Dino Manning said.

"While we realize that our juniors will be going against the

world's best (Tahiti, New Caledonia, Cook Islands, Fiji, etc.) we are confident that the experience will be worth the trip and that they will come back as better paddlers and hopefully motivated to continue training and racing," Manning added.

Mayiah Duenas, Kalea Andrew, Jack Aahn, Steven Goodwin, and coaches Jason Tarkong and Justin Andrew are registered as NMPSF's delegates, according to the list provided by CNMI chef de mission Paul Plunkett.

Tennis has the most delegates with 11. The team is made

up of players Colin Ramsey, Bobby Cruz, Carol Lee, Colin Sinclair, Isabel Heras, Ken Song, Malika Miyawaki, Robbie Schorr, and Tania Tan, head coach Jeff Race, and assistant coach Lydia Tan.

Tania will also represent the CNMI in athletics, which has four more athletes competing in Samoa—Zarinae Sapong, Lia Rangamar, Traven Quitugua, and Beo Ngirchongor. Greg Iginoef is also part of the delega-

Badminton will have An-

Golf is bannered by veteran Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho and he will team up with J.J. Atalig, Sebastian Camacho, Ryan Kim, and Marco Peter. Swimming will have young guns Juhn Tenorio, Aika

The Pacific Games will run

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## Top Athletes in PSS/McDonald's All Schools Championships

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Saipan International School's Beatrice Gross, third left, joins her coach, Kathy Ruszala, for a group photo after receiving the top athlete award in the girls U7 division of the 2019 Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships late last month at McDonald's Middle Road. Also in the photo are, from left, Northern Marianas Athletics secretary Robin Sapong, PSS Student Support Services Athletic Program director Nick Gross, McDonald's Middle Road manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., and NMA president Ray Tebuteb.



Tinian Elementary School's Ysabella Lenteja, third left, shows her top athlete award (girls U9 division).



Brilliant Star School's Moshe Sikkel, center, poses with his top athlete trophy (boys U9 division).



Brilliant Star School's Savita Sikkel, right, smiles after getting the top athlete award in the girls U11 age group.



Marianas High School's Jaime Pangelinan proudly shows the top athlete award (girls U18) she won.



San Vicente Middle School's Christopher Cruz, left, is congratulated by McDonald's Middle Road manager Joe Ayuyu Jr. after winning the top athlete award in the boys U11 division.



Tinian Junior Senior High School's Tyler Santos, third left, and a representative from his school,pose for a photo with Nick Gross and Joe Ayuyu Jr. after the awards presentation.



Hopwood Middle School's Angel Roligat, center, poses for a photo after getting the top athlete award in the girls U14 age group.



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# Little Legals take pennant

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he Kagman Little Legals shut down the Comets, 3-0, to win the pennant in the Majors division of the 2019 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Capitol Hill Ballfield.

## Sinclair makes semis of pro tournament



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Colin Sinclair, seen here competing in an ITF World Pro Circuit event, made it to the singles semifinals of a tournament in Czech Republic last week.

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Pacific Games-bound Colin Sinclair reached the semifinal round of the singles event of the \$25,000+H Most Open 2019 held last week in the Czech Republic.

Sinclair, the only pro player on the CNMI Men's

the CNMI Men's National Team that will compete in the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa, won his first three matches in the clay court tournament to make it to the Final Four. He first defeated the Czech Republic's Jiri Lehecka, 6-3, 6-2, and then labored through a 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 triumph over Germany's Lucas Gerch to move into the quarterfinal round. The Commonwealth bet then notched win No. 3 against the host's Ondrej Krstev, 6-2, 6-3, to move one

step away from playing in

the finals.

In the semis, Sinclair faced his third Czech Republic opponent and stretched the match to three sets before Jan Satral escaped with a 6-3, 2-6, 3-6 victory.

With his semis stint in the \$25,000+H, Sin-World clair would gain Tour 67 ITF World ranking points and is likely to move up the ladder. He sits at No. 65 (as of May 27) and reached his highest ranking (No. 56) early this year after winning the M15 Claremont in California.

in California.

After the tournament in the Czech Republic, he went to Germany where he will play in the another clay court event—the \$25,000 Karlsruhe Open. Sinclair is expected to join a couple more competitions in Europe before joining the rest of the CNMI National Tennis Team in Samoa.



Starting pitcher Albert Adriano threw a two-hitter

and struck out 12 to hand the defending champions the No. 1 spot in the team rankings at the end of the regular season. The Little Legals finished the elimination with a 9-3 record, while the Comets had an 8-4 mark to settle for No. 2.

Adriano also scored one of the Little Legals' three runs at the bottom of the first inning, giving the team the early control in the match. Adriano reached off Comets pitcher Patty Mendiola's error, while leadoff batter Frankie Delos Santos also scored from their foe's miscue. Greg Perez gave the defending champions their third and last run, as he was driven in by Austin Diaz's double.

Earlier at the top of the first, the Comets had a 1-2-3 inning with Adriano fanning leadoff batter Baron Bowie and James Blas. Second batter Javen Camacho also went out on a 6-3 play.

Adriano continued to frus-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Albert Adriano pitches for the
Kagman Little Legals during
their second game against the
Comets in the Majors division of the 2019 Saipan Little
League Baseball at the Capitol
Hill Ballfield.



## Pacific Games: CNMI to compete in 7 sports

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Team CNMI will field athletes in seven sports for next month's Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa.

From more than 10 events, the Commonwealth will only compete in canoe (va'a) swimming, beach volleyball, athletics, tennis, badminton, and golf, as other sports federations could not make the trip to Samoa due to funding problems.

The Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation initially planned to send men's and women's teams in



the V-6 canoe races, but opted to have entries only in the V1 event due to budget constraints. It would cost a little over \$3,000 to send a delegate to the quadrennial competition and Northern Marianas Sports Association would only proV1 canoes are on the shore of Kilili Beach waiting for junior paddlers who are training for the 2019 Pacific Games that will be held in Apia, Samoa next month.

vide \$60,000 subsidy with the money to be divided among the CNMI representatives (both athletes and officials) to the Games. The amount of financial assistance per delegate will depend on the number of people going to Samoa, but it will not be lower than \$500.

"We decided as a team a couple of weeks ago that it wasn't feasible to move forward with going to the Pacific

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